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CAN'T YOU READ
SIGNS, **SUPERMAN**?
BUTT HIM, **SUPER-HORSE**!
FROM NOW ON, HIS
FORTRESS BELONGS
TO **US**!

NO GIRL AND A HORSE CAN KICK
ME OUT OF MY **OWN FORTRESS**--
EVEN IF THEY **ARE SUPER**! I'LL
HAVE TO **CRASH** MY WAY IN!

THIS
FORTRESS
OFF LIMITS
TO
SUPERMAN!



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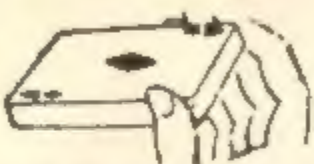
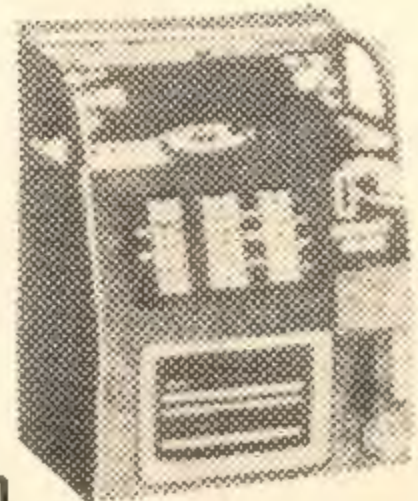
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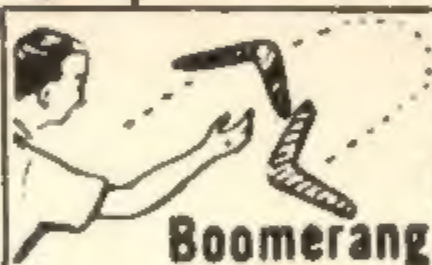
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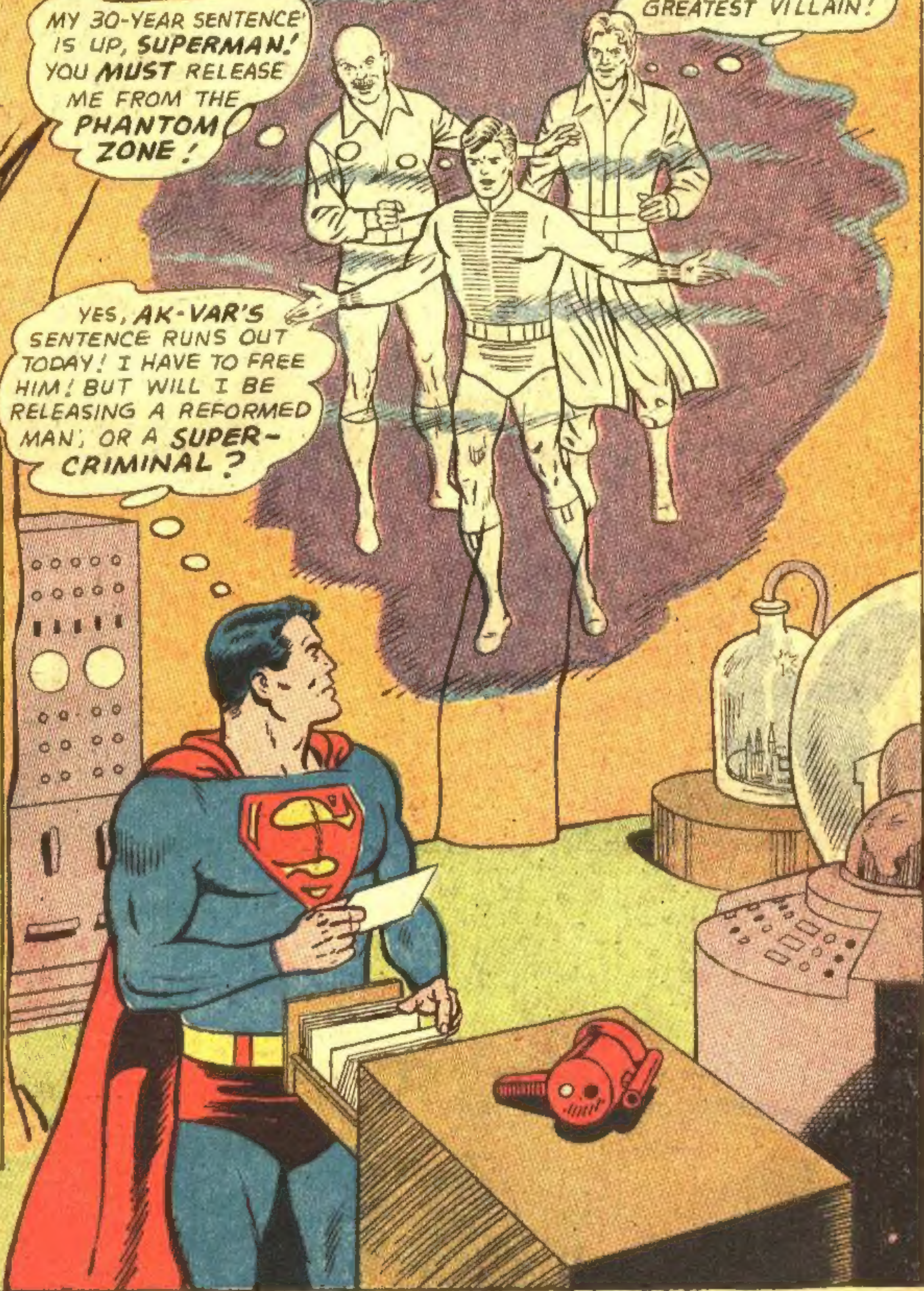
MY 30-YEAR SENTENCE IS UP, **SUPERMAN!** YOU **MUST** RELEASE ME FROM THE **PHANTOM ZONE!**

REMEMBER WHAT WE TAUGHT YOU, **AK-VAR**, AND YOU CAN BE EARTH'S GREATEST VILLAIN!

YES, **AK-VAR'S** SENTENCE RUNS OUT TODAY! I HAVE TO FREE HIM! BUT WILL I BE RELEASING A REFORMED MAN, OR A **SUPER-CRIMINAL?**

LONG AGO, ON **SUPERMAN'S** HOME PLANET, **KRYPTON**, CRIMINALS WERE PUNISHED BY BEING PROJECTED INTO THE **PHANTOM ZONE**. BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ONE OF THESE PHANTOM CONVICTS HAS SERVED OUT HIS SENTENCE AND **SUPERMAN**, OBEYING THE LAWS OF HIS PERISHED WORLD, MUST FREE HIM ON EARTH, WHERE HE'LL HAVE ALL THE MAN OF **STEEL'S** POWERS? FOR THE ANSWER, READ THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF...

"The MAN FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE!"

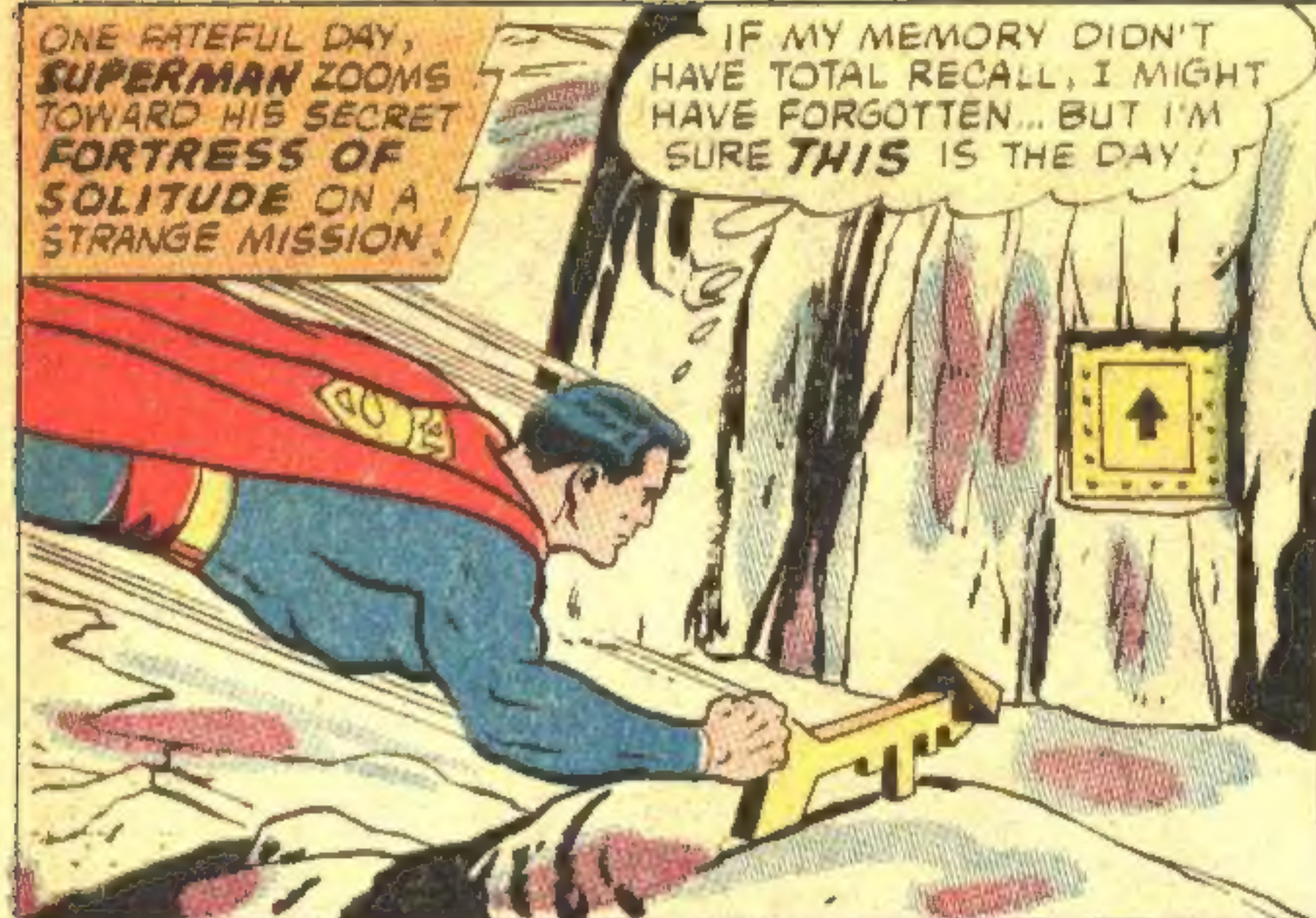


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I WAS RIGHT... TODAY THE SENTENCE OF **AK-VAR**, A **PHANTOM ZONE** PRISONER, EXPIRES, AND, ACCORDING TO KRYPTONIAN LAW, I MUST RELEASE HIM FROM THE **ZONE**! HMM... HIS CRIME WAS AN UNUSUAL ONE...

"ON **KRYPTON**, YEARS BEFORE IT EXPLODED, **AK-VAR** PLOTTED TO STEAL A REVERED RELIC... A **SUN-STONE**... FROM A MUSEUM..."

YES, THIS IS A RARE **SUN-STONE**! THESE STRANGE CRYSTALS, WHICH ABSORB SOLAR LIGHT AND HEAT ALL DAY AND EMIT IT AT NIGHT, HELPED OUR PRIMITIVE ANCESTORS TO SURVIVE THE COLD WINTER NIGHTS!



THEY'RE CATCHING UP TO ME... I DIDN'T REALIZE THE **SUN-STONE** WAS SO HEAVY! IT'S SLOWING ME DOWN!

WE'LL HAVE HIM IN ANOTHER MOMENT... HIS ACCOMPLICES, WHO WERE WAITING FOR HIM IN A FLIER, TOOK OFF TO SAVE THEMSELVES!



WE ONLY PLANNED TO STEAL THE **SUN-STONE** AS A PRANK, NOT TO HOLD IT FOR RANSOM, AS HAS BEEN CHARGED!

YOUR MOTIVE MAKES NO DIFFERENCE! FOR ATTEMPTING TO STEAL ONE OF **KRYPTON'S** NATIONAL RELICS, YOU'LL SERVE 30 YEARS IN THE **PHANTOM ZONE**!



I-I'M NO LONGER SOLID! I CAN'T EVEN TOUCH THE WALL! MY HAND GOES RIGHT THROUGH IT!

"SOON, HE FOUND HIMSELF IN COMPANY WITH SOME OF THE GREATEST VILLAINS OF KRYPTON!"

WELCOME, AK-VAR! WE SAW YOUR TRIAL FROM THE ZONE! I'M JAX-UR, SENT HERE FOR DESTROYING AN INHABITED MOON!

I'M GENERAL ZOD! I TRIED TO CONQUER KRYPTON WITH AN ANDROID ARMY!

I, KRU-EL, DEVELOPED AN ARSENAL OF FORBIDDEN WEAPONS!

I CAN PICK UP THEIR THOUGHTS TELEPATHICALLY. THEY'RE ACTUALLY PROUD OF THEIR DREADFUL CRIMES! THEY WERE SENT HERE BECAUSE KRYPTON HAS NO DEATH PENALTY!



AS THE MAN OF STEEL PREPARES TO FREE THE KRYPTONIAN CONVICT...

AK-VAR'S 30-YEAR SENTENCE EXPIRES TODAY, SO IT IS MY DUTY TO FREE HIM! I HOPE HE'S LEARNED HIS LESSON!



AS SUPERMAN OPERATES THE PROJECTOR WHICH OPENS A TEMPORARY RIFT IN THE PHANTOM ZONE.

I HAVE TO RELEASE AK-VAR WITHOUT LETTING ANY OF THE OTHER PRISONERS OUT...



AFTER 30 YEARS IN THE PHANTOM ZONE, WHERE PRISONERS DO NOT AGE, THE YOUNG MAN FROM KRYPTON STANDS FREE!

I'M SOLID AGAIN... AND HERE ON EARTH, I HAVE SUPER-POWERS! I'LL BE ANOTHER SUPERMAN!

NO... KRYPTONIAN LAW DECREES THAT A PRISONER RELEASED FROM THE ZONE MUST RETURN TO HIS NATIVE CITY! YOU'RE FROM KANDOR, WHICH STILL EXISTS IN TINY SIZE IN A BOTTLE HERE!



YES... BRAINIAC DID THAT TO KANDOR WITH HIS SHRINKING DEVICE! YOU CAN'T MAKE ME RETURN THERE... I'M AS MIGHTY AS YOU ARE!

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT RESIST... SO I PREPARED THIS RAY-CONCENTRATOR! INSIDE IT IS GREEN KRYPTONITE... I CAN TURN ITS RAYS ON YOU, WHILE ITS LEAD SHIELDING PROTECTS ME!



ALL RIGHT... I'LL GO TO **KANDOR**! BUT FIRST, GIVE ME TWENTY MINUTES OF GRACE TO SEE EARTH AND ITS WONDERS! I SWEAR BY THE SACRED **KRYPTONIAN VOW** THAT I'LL RETURN!

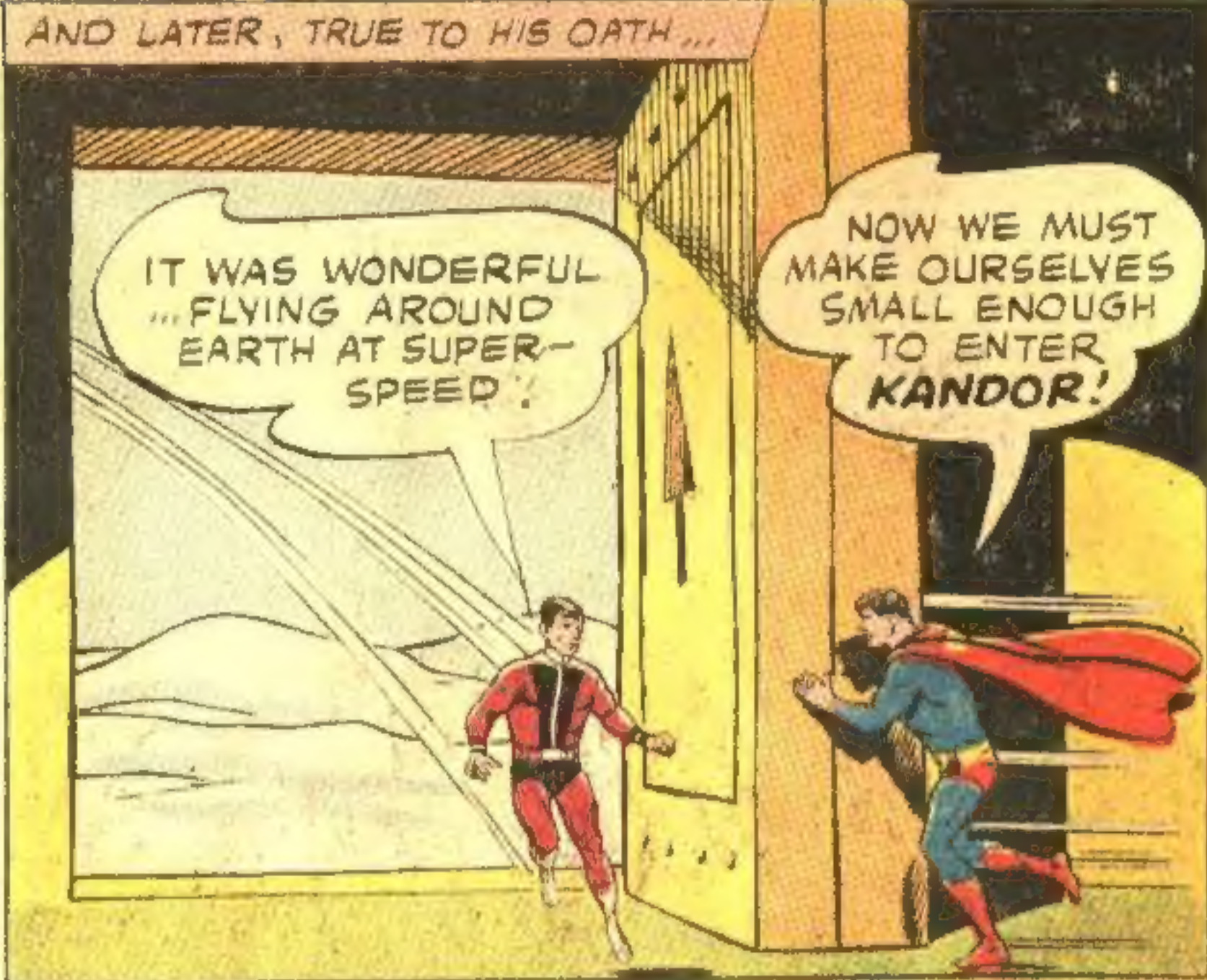
HMM... NO ONE HAS EVER BROKEN THAT VOW, WHICH CAN BE TAKEN ONLY **ONCE** IN A LIFETIME! I AGREE!



AND LATER, TRUE TO HIS OATH...

IT WAS WONDERFUL... FLYING AROUND EARTH AT SUPER-SPEED!

NOW WE MUST MAKE OURSELVES SMALL ENOUGH TO ENTER **KANDOR**!



AFTER THE SHRINKING RAY REDUCES **SUPERMAN** AND **AK-VAR**, THEY ENTER THE BOTTLE THAT CONTAINS THE LAST CITY OF **KRYPTON**!



WE MUST LAND CAREFULLY. IN **KANDOR'S** ENVIRONMENT, WE HAVE NO SUPER-POWERS!

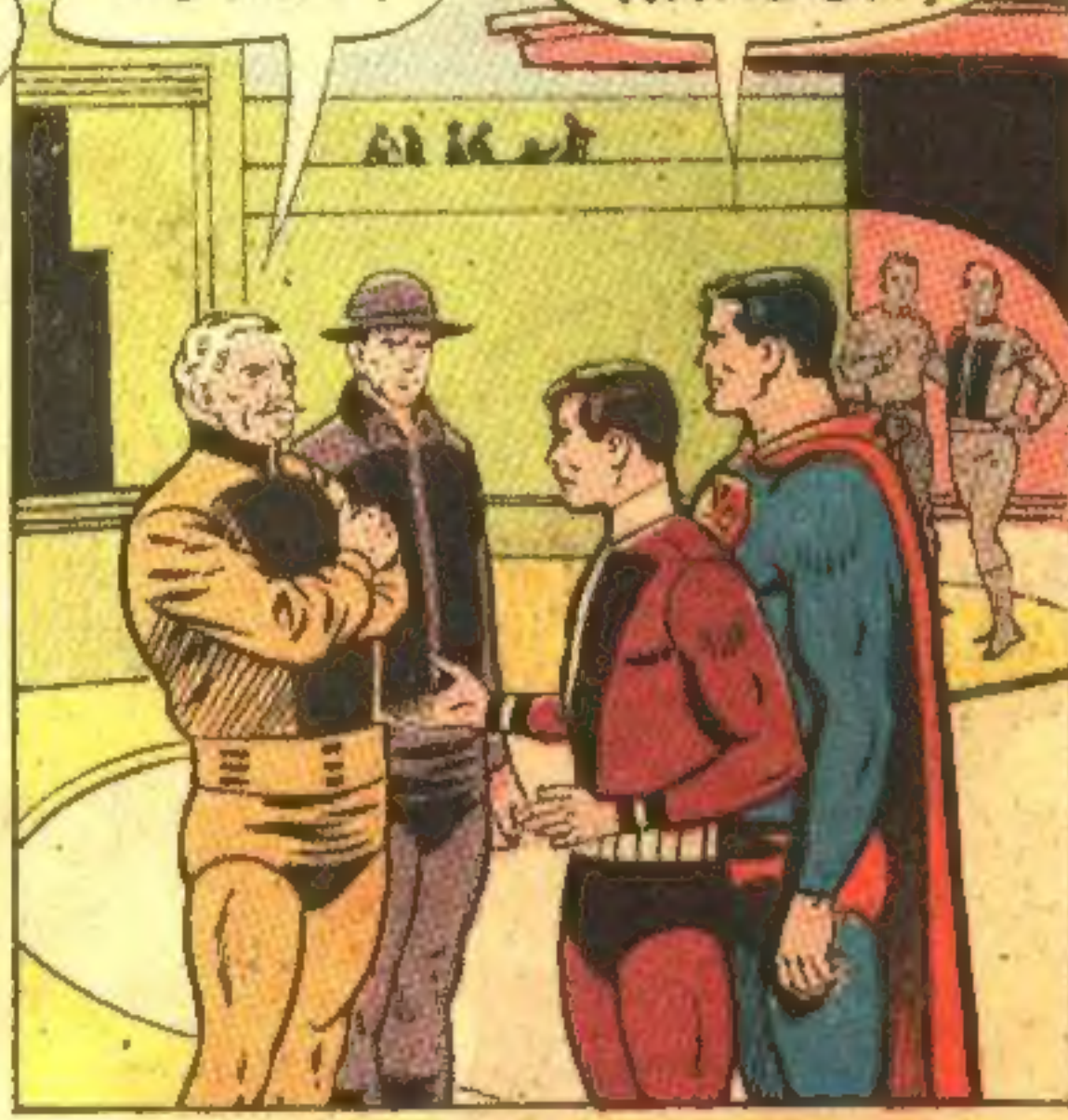
BUT YOU'LL RETURN TO EARTH WHILE I'LL REMAIN HERE! I WONDER IF ANYONE WILL REMEMBER ME?



THAT QUESTION IS SOON ANSWERED WHEN THEY REACH **KANDOR**!

WHY DID HE COME BACK HERE? **KANDOR** HAS NO WELCOME FOR CRIMINALS OF HIS KIND!

AK-VAR HAS PAID THE PENALTY FOR HIS CRIME, AND IS AGAIN A CITIZEN OF **KANDOR**!



IT'S NO USE... THEY WOULDN'T EVEN SHAKE MY HAND! THEY'LL NEVER ACCEPT ME!

YOU MUST WIN THEIR ACCEPTANCE BY PROVING YOU'VE REFORMED. YOU MUST GO TO COLLEGE, LEARN A PROFESSION!

I'LL CHECK ON HIM BY MONITOR FROM TIME TO TIME!



BUT AFTER **SUPERMAN** HAS LEFT, THERE ARE A FEW WHO DO WELCOME THE MAN FROM THE **PHANTOM ZONE**!

IT'S OUR OLD PAL, **AK-VAR**! WE'RE OLDER THAN HE IS NOW... BUT IT'S GOOD TO SEE HIM!

VAS-QUOR! AND **BRENN-BIR** AND **KYL-IBO**! WELL, I'M GLAD SOMEONE HERE DOESN'T SHUN ME!



AT THE TRIAL, YOU DIDN'T REVEAL THAT **WE** WERE YOUR ACCOMPLICES IN STEALING THE **SUN-STONE** AS A PRANK... WE'LL NEVER FORGET THAT!

I'LL SEE YOU LATER... I WANT TO LOOK UP SOME MORE OLD FRIENDS!

BUT THE OTHER "OLD FRIENDS" ARE NOT SO PLEASANT!

YOU MEAN **SIRMA SEN**, THE GIRL I USED TO DATE? BUT I FORGOT... YOU'RE 30 YEARS OLDER THAN I AM NOW!

YES... **CONVICTS** DON'T AGE IN THE **PHANTOM ZONE**! AND PLEASE DON'T BOTHER ME AGAIN! I'M MARRIED NOW, WITH TWO GROWN CHILDREN!

WALKING IN A PARK, **AK-VAR** GETS A SHOCK!

SUPERMAN! THEN YOU STAYED ON IN **KANDOR**? WHY?

I'M NOT **SUPERMAN**, ONLY HIS LOOK-ALIKE! I'M **VAN-ZEE**, SCIENTIST, AND THIS IS MY NIECE, **THARA**!

YOU'RE **AK-VAR**, THE MAN JUST RELEASED FROM THE **PHANTOM ZONE**, AREN'T YOU?

YES, I SUPPOSE YOU'LL TURN AWAY FROM ME, TOO...

OH, NO... I WANT YOU TO TELL ME WHAT LIFE ON **KRYPTON** WAS LIKE, BEFORE IT BLEW UP. I'VE READ BOOKS ABOUT IT, BUT **YOU** ACTUALLY EXPERIENCED IT...

THARA IS INTENSELY CURIOUS ABOUT OUR HOME WORLD! I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT, BUT YOU CAN TELL HER ALL ABOUT IT!

IN THE PARK, **AK-VAR** SPENDS HOURS TELLING THE EAGER GIRL WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO BE YOUNG ON **KRYPTON**!

WE HAD PARTIES AND DANCES AND AERIAL SPORTS LIKE "SKY-PLANING"...

SUDDENLY, THEY'RE RECALLED TO THE PRESENT BY A SENSATIONAL SURPRISE!



LOOK... A MAN FLYING AT SUPER-SPEED! BUT HOW CAN HE HAVE SUPER-POWERS... WHICH EVEN **SUPERMAN** DOESN'T POSSESS HERE IN **KANDOR**?

WHY... IT'S **BRENN-BIR**, A FRIEND OF MINE IN THE OLD DAYS! I WAS JUST TALKING TO HIM!

WITHIN MINUTES, **KANDOR** IS STAGGERED BY A SECOND SENSATIONAL DISPLAY OF SUPER-ABILITIES!



LOOK... ANOTHER **KANDORIAN** HAS SUPER-POWERS!

THAT'S RIGHT, **VAS-QUOR**! USE YOUR SUPER-STRENGTH TO LIFT UP THE MUSEUM... NOW WE'LL GET THAT **SUN-STONE** WE WERE AFTER YEARS AGO... AND EVERYTHING ELSE WE WANT!

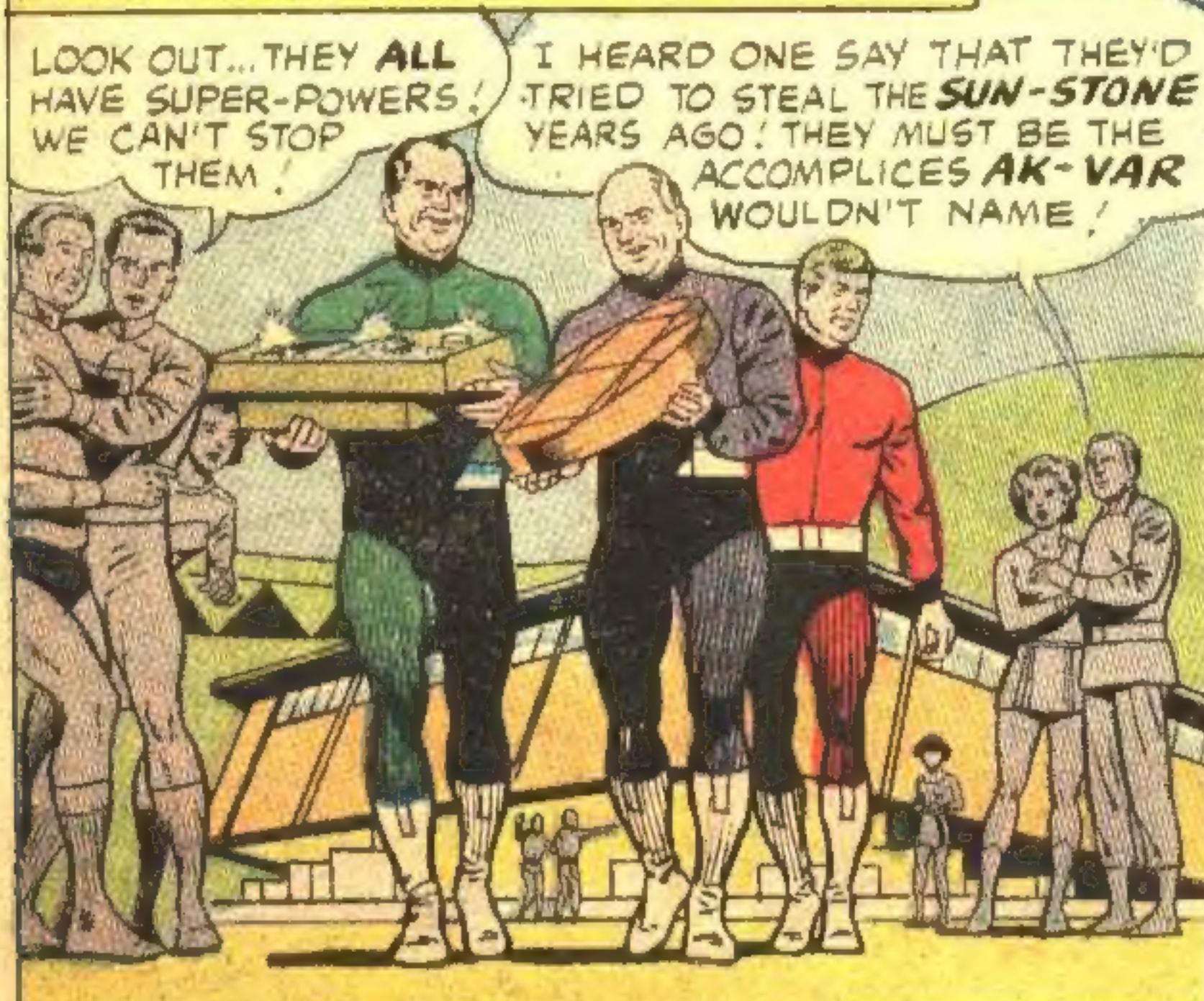
AND THE THIRD MEMBER OF THE EVIL TRIO GOES INTO ACTION!



COME ON IN, **KYL-IBO**! AND HURRY! **BRENN-BIR** IS WAITING OUTSIDE!

HA, HA... THE GUARDS' DEADLY RAY-GUNS ARE HARMLESS TO ME, NOW THAT I'M INVULNERABLE! I'LL GET THE **SUN-STONE** AND ALL THE OTHER RARE JEWELS!

THE SHOCKED PEOPLE OF **KANDOR** SEE THE THREE SUPER-THIEVES DEPART WITH THEIR LOOT!



LOOK OUT... THEY ALL HAVE SUPER-POWERS! WE CAN'T STOP THEM!

I HEARD ONE SAY THAT THEY'D TRIED TO STEAL THE **SUN-STONE** YEARS AGO! THEY MUST BE THE ACCOMPLICES **AK-VAR** WOULDN'T NAME!

AK-VAR HAS SOMEHOW GIVEN HIS OLD CRONIES SUPER-POWERS! HE MUST HAVE LEARNED THE SECRET FROM A **PHANTOM ZONE** CRIMINAL. NOW THEY'LL LOOT ALL **KANDOR**!

FIND **AK-VAR**... WE'LL BRING HIM TO JUSTICE!

THAT CROWD IS WILD WITH RAGE AND BLAMING YOU... COME... I'LL HIDE YOU IN MY UNCLE'S HOUSE!



BUT EVEN AS AK-VAR AND THARA HEAD FOR THE SANCTUARY OF VAN-ZEE'S HOME, A HASTILY ORGANIZED POSSE SETS OUT IN PURSUIT!

OUR TELEPATHIC HOUNDS ARE ON AK-VAR'S TRAIL!

BY PLAYING BACK HIS BRAIN-WAVE TAPES FROM THE POLICE RECORDS, WE GOT THE HOUNDS "TUNED IN" ON HIS THOUGHT PATTERN!

AIE... OOO!



AND AS THE FUGITIVE NEARS HIS DESTINATION...

MY YEARS IN THE PHANTOM ZONE, WHEN WE COMMUNICATED VIA TELEPATHY, HAVE INCREASED MY MENTAL POWERS. I CAN TELL SOMEONE IS PROBING MY MIND!

TELEPATHIC HOUNDS! I THOUGHT I HEARD A BAYING IN THE DISTANCE! QUICK--GET AWAY AS FAST AS POSSIBLE!



MUSTN'T THINK OF MY DESTINATION, OR THE HOUNDS CAN TRAIL ME! I'LL CONCENTRATE ON KRYPTON'S LEGENDARY HEROES... ZIM-RA, THE ARCHER... VAL-KON, THE WINGED MAN... DRU-MAR, THE MONSTER-SLAYER...



SHORTLY, AS THE POSSE APPEARS...

STRANGE... THE HOUNDS ONLY BROUGHT US THIS FAR. THEY SEEM CONFUSED, AS IF THEY'D LOST THE TRAIL!

DID YOU SEE WHICH WAY AK-VAR WENT?

WHY-- AH-- NO!



FOR A WHILE, THE POSSE SEARCHES VAINLY. THEN, SUDDENLY...

LOOK! THE HOUNDS ARE STRAINING AT THEIR LEASHES AGAIN! THEY'VE PICKED UP AK-VAR'S THOUGHTS!

OH, NO! HE MUST HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO KEEP FROM THINKING WHERE HE IS!



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What's Your B.Q.*?

ON BROTHERHOOD WEEK (FEB. 20-26)

"AN UNSTINTING DEDICATION TO FREEDOM, TOLERANCE, AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY GAVE US OUR MIGHTY NATION. UNITED AND DETERMINED, WE MUST STAND READY TO PRESERVE OUR LEGACY."

PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

(*BROTHERHOOD QUOTIENT.)

A. CHECK ONE COLUMN FOR EACH ITEM LISTED TO TEST YOUR LIKES AND DISLIKES.

	UGH! DISLIKE	UM! LIKE	SO-SO! LUKEWARM	NO THOUGHT! VACANT
Alligators				
Baptists				
Cabbage				
Catholics				
Detective Stories				
Foreigners				
Indians				
Jews				
Long-hair music				
Negroes				
Spiders				

B. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT "ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL?"

YES

NO



C. DO YOU THINK ALL YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE THE SAME CHANCE FOR EDUCATION, SPORTS AND JOBS?

YES..... NO.....



D. WHEN A NEW CHILD COMES TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, DO YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO MAKE HIM FEEL AT HOME?

YES.....

NO

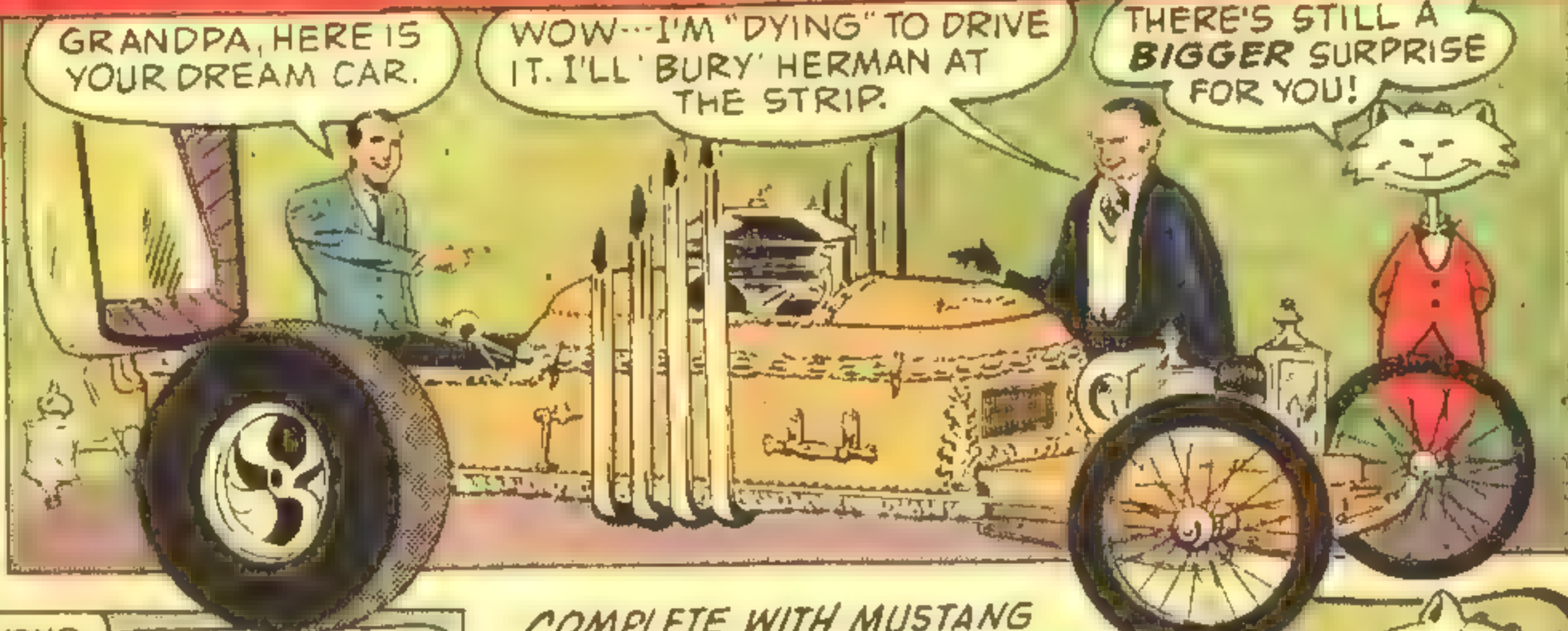


HOW DID YOU MAKE OUT IN TEST A? ALL OF US HAVE SOME THINGS WE DON'T LIKE. WHEN THEY'RE VEGETABLES OR INSECTS--NO ONE CARES. BUT WHEN THEY'RE PEOPLE--YOU HURT THEM AND CHEAT YOURSELF.

IF YOU SCORED 3 YES ANSWERS ON QUESTIONS B, C AND D -- YOU'RE OKAY! IF YOU DIDN'T -- YOU'D BETTER START THINKING ABOUT IT!

GRANDPA MUNSTER "DIGS" THE DRAG-U-LA!

The **KAT**
AMT
from
AND GEORGE
BARRIS
GIVE
GRANDPA
MUNSTER
A
SURPRISE---

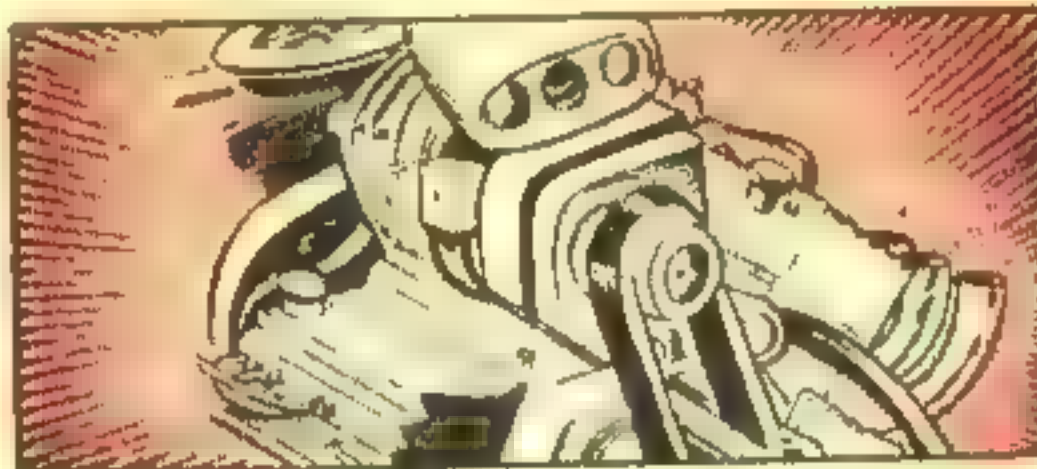


AMT'S MADE YOUR DRAG-U-LA INTO A SUPER-DETAILED KIT!

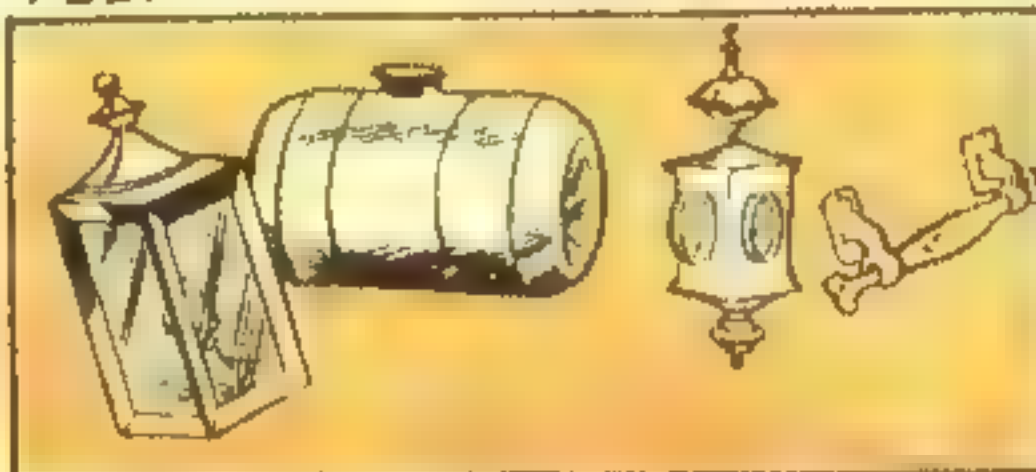
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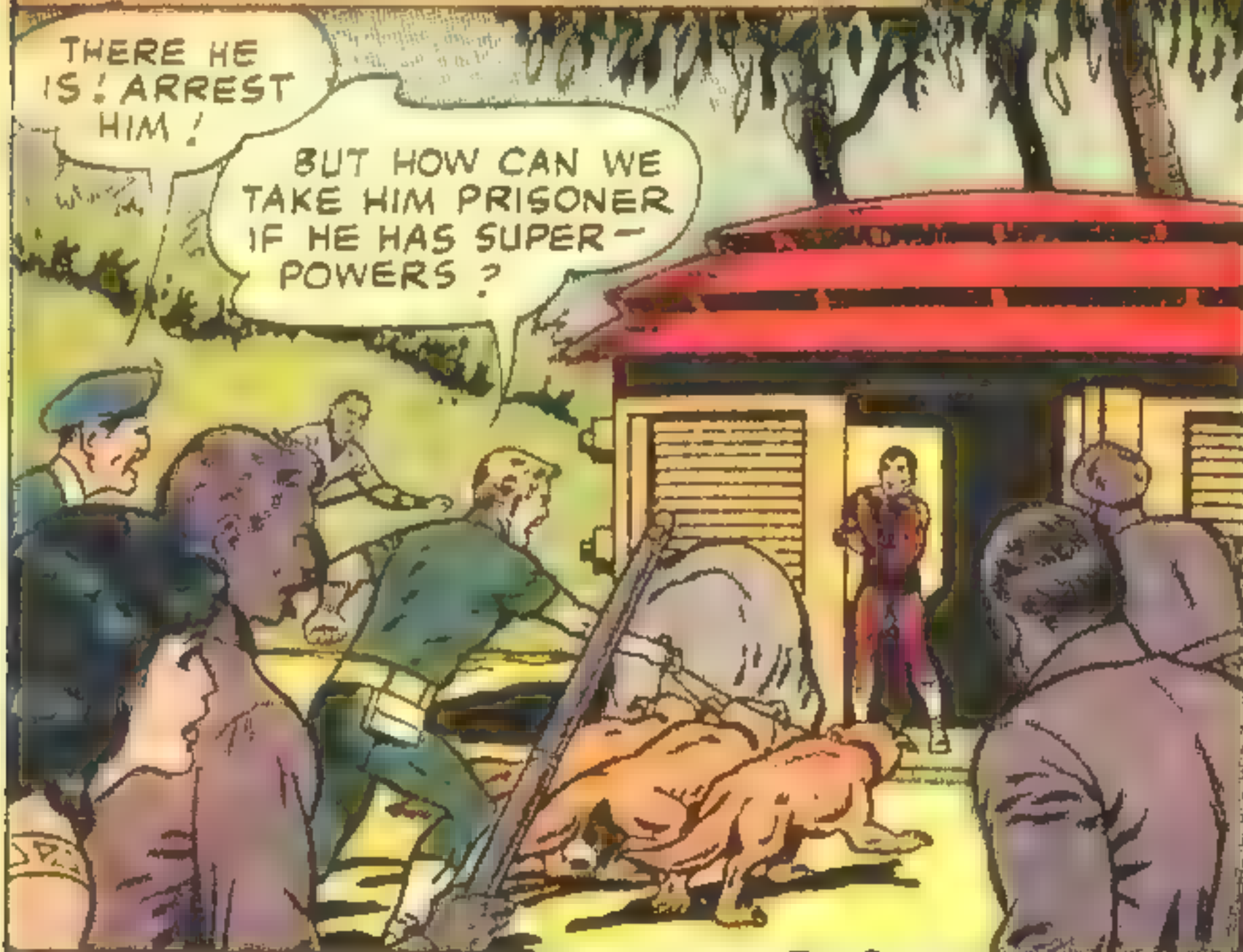
AS PER SPEED SPECIAL, THE FLASH AND KID FLASH--THE FASTEST BOY ON EARTH!

TWO CLASSICS FROM THE GOLDEN AGE OF COMICS

THE ORIGINAL FLASH IN A FAST AND FURIOUS RACE AGAINST THE FIDDLER. "DUET OF DANGER!"

ON SALE FEB. 10th

THE HOUNDS LEAD THE POSSE--AND THARA-- STRAIGHT TO AK-VAR'S HIDEOUT... A DESERTED CABIN!



THERE HE IS! ARREST HIM!

BUT HOW CAN WE TAKE HIM PRISONER IF HE HAS SUPER-POWERS?

SO YOU THINK I HAVE SUPER-POWERS --AND GAVE THEM TO MY FRIENDS, EH? ALL RIGHT--I'LL DEMONSTRATE MY POWERS FOR YOU!



SEE-- UUUHHH!

OH! HE'S HURT HIMSELF!



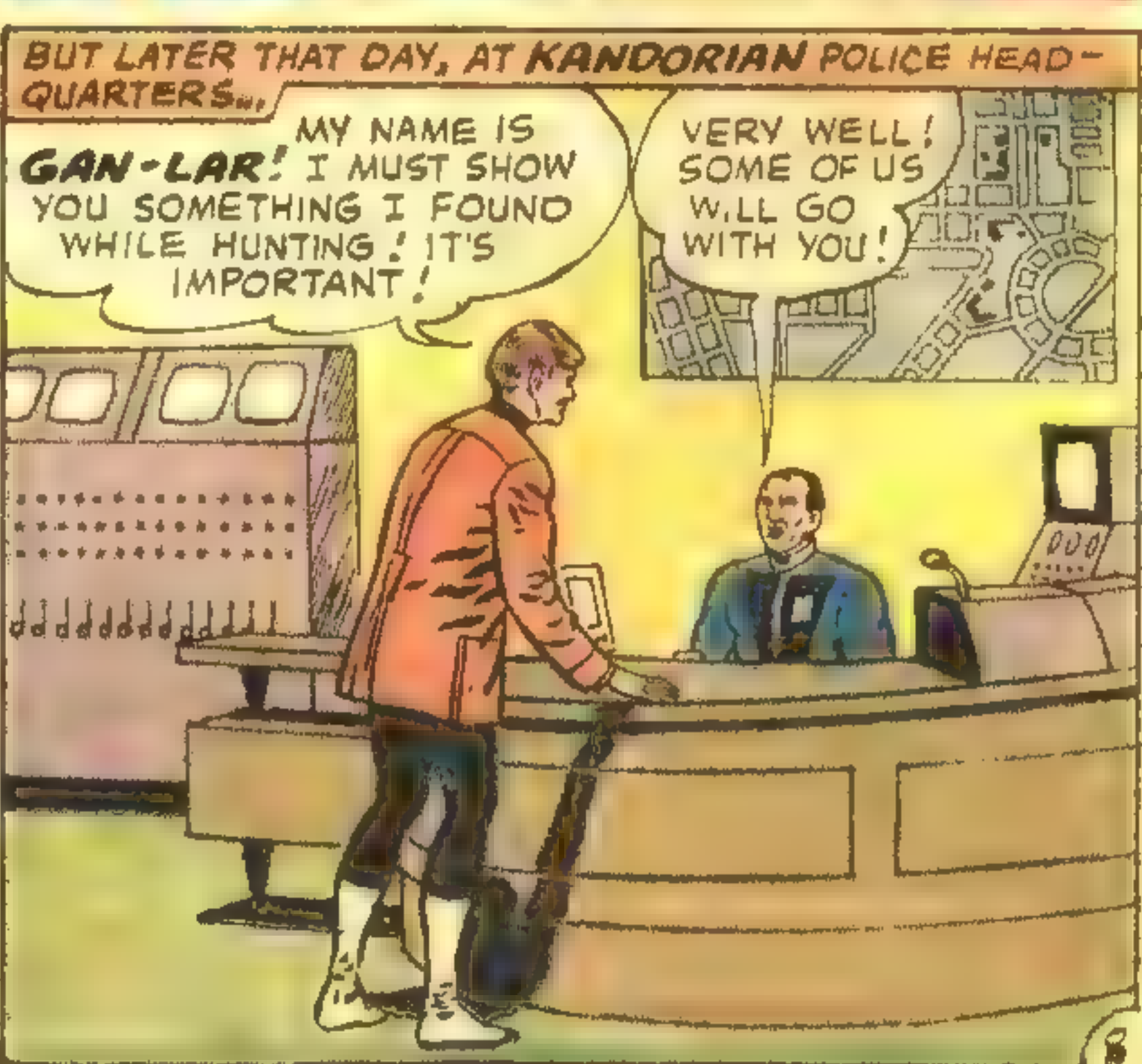
HIS HAND'S BLEEDING... AND THE BOULDER WASN'T EVEN SCRATCHED! WHY, HE'S AN ORDINARY MAN, LIKE US! HE HAS NO SUPER-POWERS, AFTER ALL!

OH, YOUR POOR HAND!



I'LL USE MY HANDKERCHIEF TO BANDAGE YOUR KNUCKLES!

THANKS! THARA, I'M GLAD I COULD DISPROVE THEIR SUSPICIONS--EVEN IF IT DID CAUSE ME PAIN! NOW LET'S GO TO YOUR UNCLE'S HOME!



BUT LATER THAT DAY, AT KANDORIAN POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS...

MY NAME IS GAN-LAR! I MUST SHOW YOU SOMETHING I FOUND WHILE HUNTING! IT'S IMPORTANT!

VERY WELL! SOME OF US WILL GO WITH YOU!



THE HUNTER LEADS THE OFFICERS TO THE MT. DRAL CABIN...

SEE? THIS LOOKS LIKE AN ORDINARY ROCK DOESN'T IT? BUT TRY TO KNOCK OFF A CHIP WITH YOUR STUN-GUN BUTT.

ALL RIGHT!



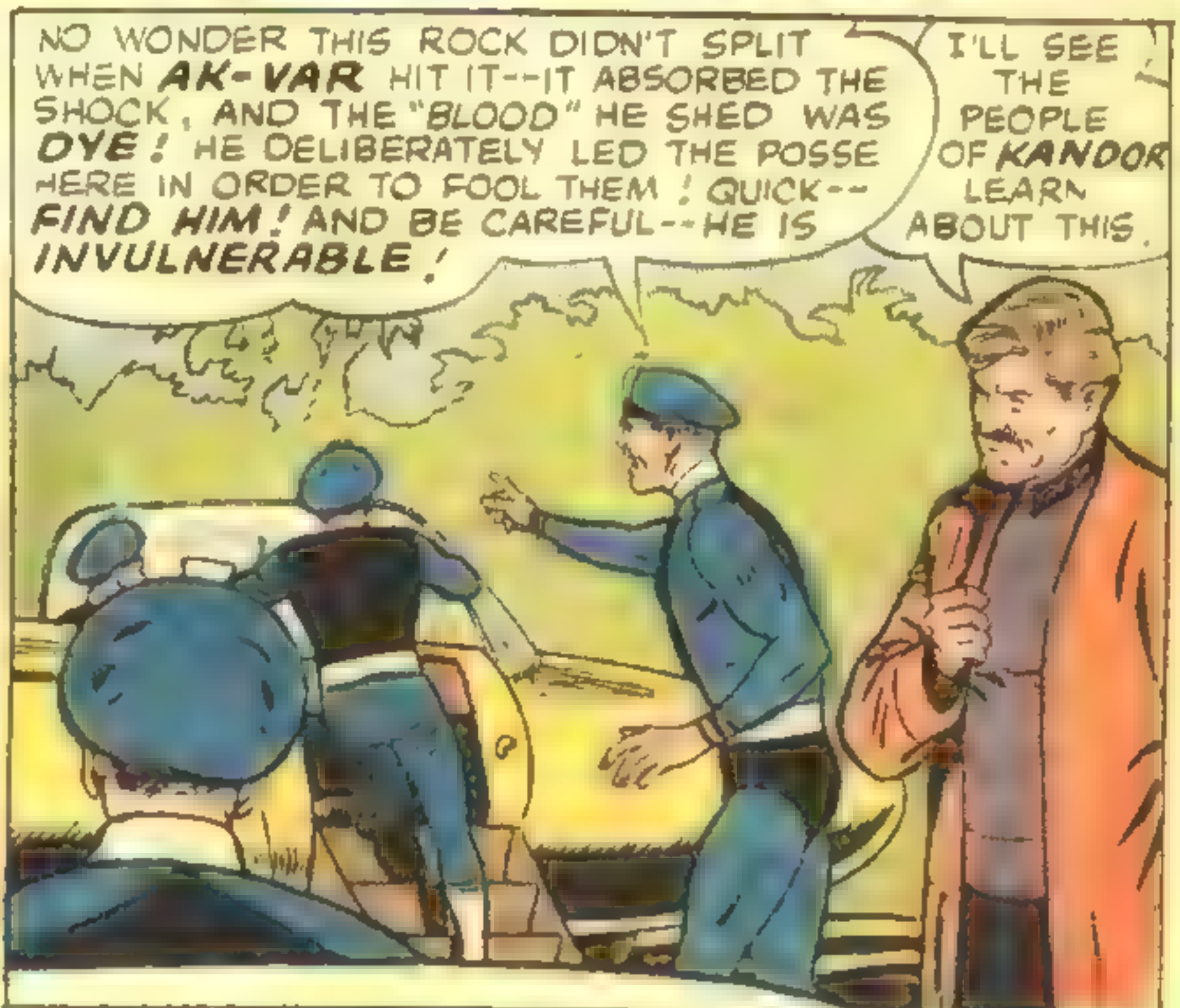
HUH? I HIT IT AS HARD AS I COULD, BUT WITH NO EFFECT!

I RECOGNIZE IT AS **PELLINITE**, A PLASTOID SUBSTANCE WHICH CAN ABSORB TREMENDOUS SHOCKS WITHOUT HARM!



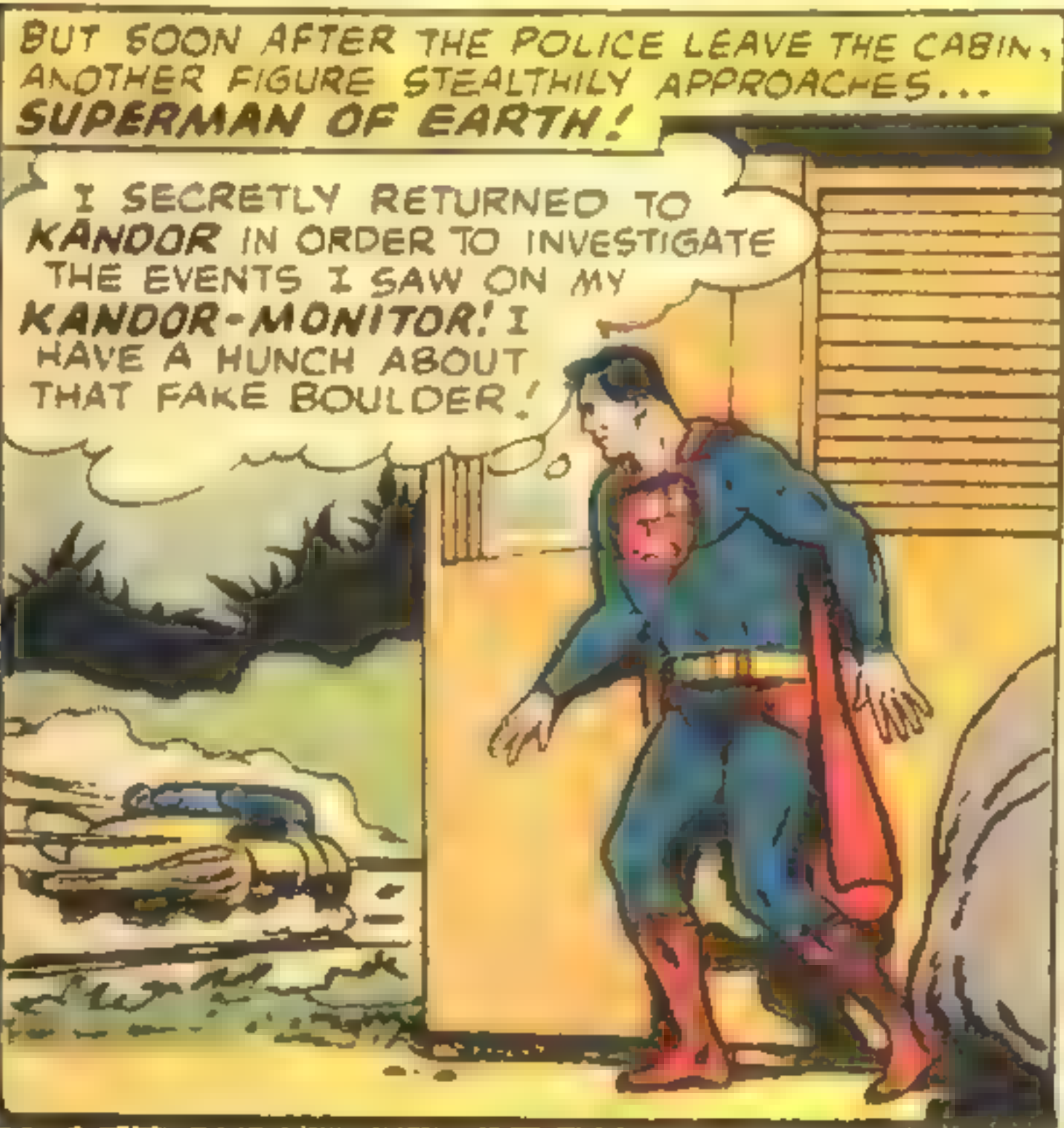
AND EXAMINE THESE RED DROPS.

HMM... MY **SPECTRO-GLASSES** REVEAL THEY'RE NOT **BLOOD**, BUT **RED DYE**!



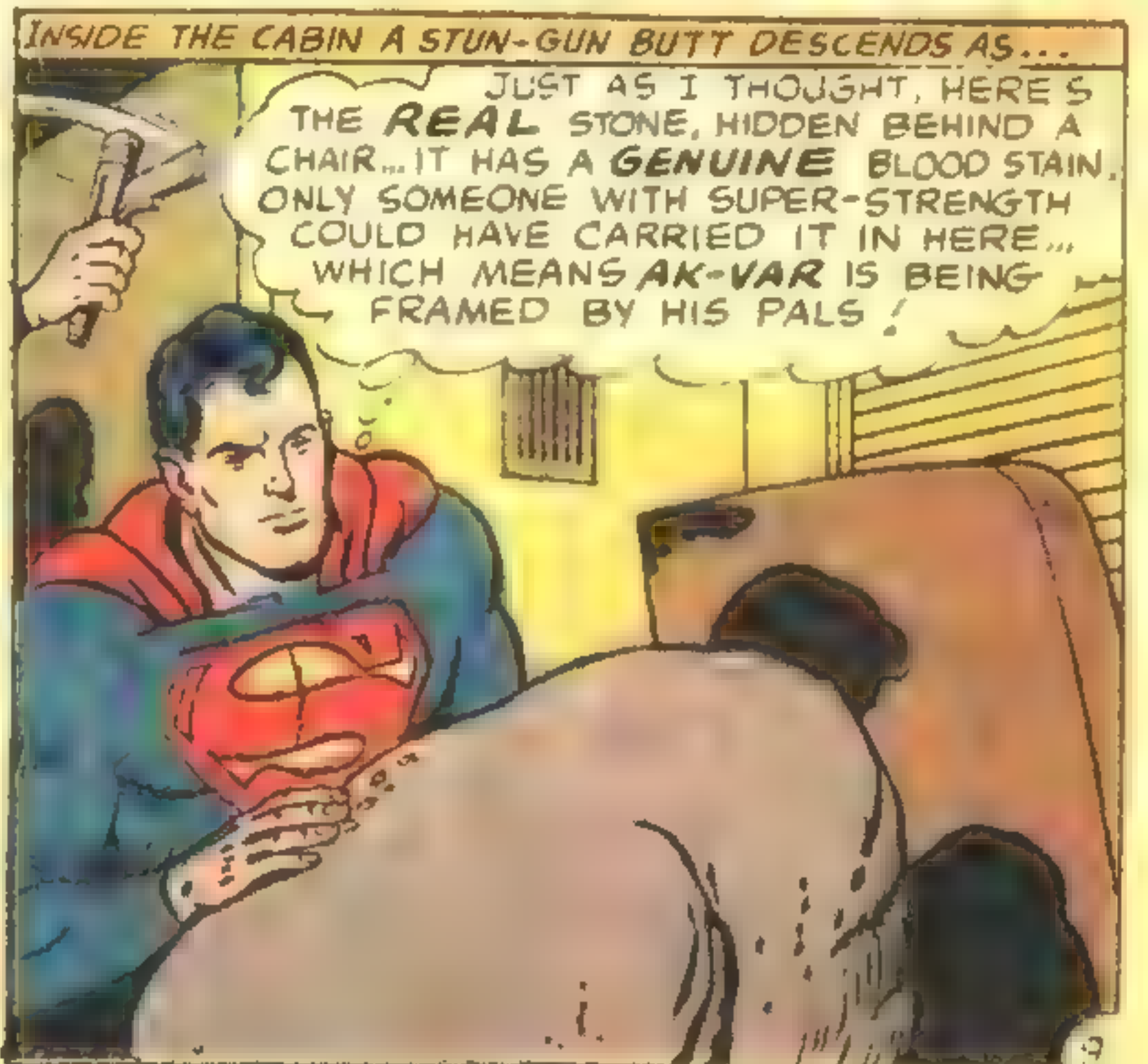
NO WONDER THIS ROCK DIDN'T SPLIT WHEN **AK-VAR** HIT IT--IT ABSORBED THE SHOCK, AND THE "BLOOD" HE SHED WAS **DYE**! HE DELIBERATELY LED THE POSSE HERE IN ORDER TO FOOL THEM! QUICK--**FIND HIM!** AND BE CAREFUL--HE IS **INVULNERABLE**!

I'LL SEE THE PEOPLE OF **KANDOR** LEARN ABOUT THIS.



BUT SOON AFTER THE POLICE LEAVE THE CABIN, ANOTHER FIGURE STEALTHILY APPROACHES... **SUPERMAN OF EARTH!**

I SECRETLY RETURNED TO **KANDOR** IN ORDER TO INVESTIGATE THE EVENTS I SAW ON MY **KANDOR-MONITOR**! I HAVE A HUNCH ABOUT THAT FAKE BOULDER!



INSIDE THE CABIN A STUN-GUN BUTT DESCENDS AS...

JUST AS I THOUGHT, HERE'S THE **REAL** STONE, HIDDEN BEHIND A CHAIR...IT HAS A **GENUINE** BLOOD STAIN, ONLY SOMEONE WITH SUPER-STRENGTH COULD HAVE CARRIED IT IN HERE... WHICH MEANS **AK-VAR** IS BEING **FRAMED** BY HIS PALS!

THE BLOW FALLS, AND THE NOW-VULNERABLE **SUPERMAN** CRASHES TO THE GROUND UNCONSCIOUS!

THAT TAKES CARE OF **SUPERMAN**! I'LL TIE HIM UP!

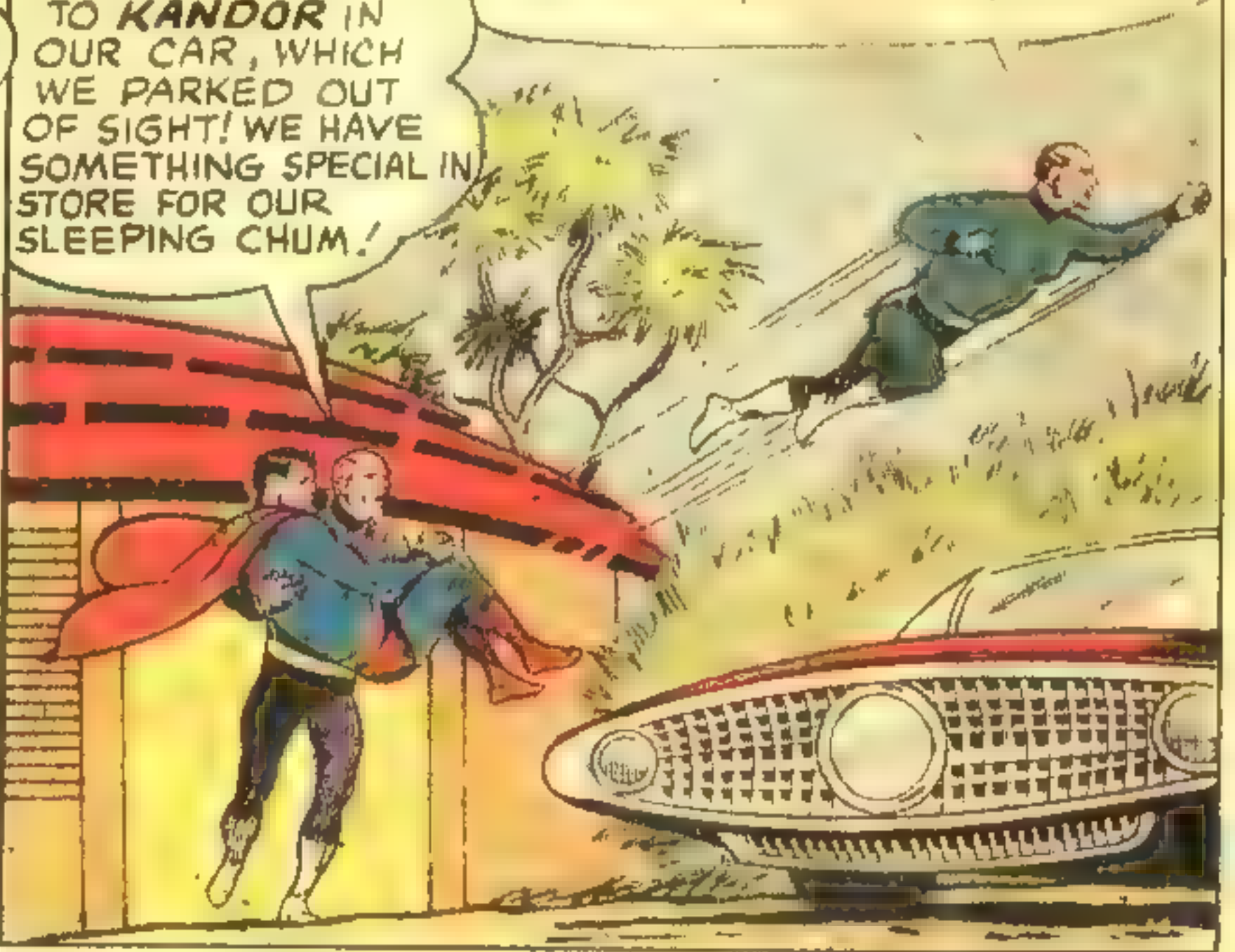
IT'S A GOOD THING I SPOTTED HIS PARACHUTE AS HE DESCENDED FROM THE NECK OF THE BOTTLE!



MOMENTS LATER...

I'LL DRIVE HIM TO **KANDOR** IN OUR CAR, WHICH WE PARKED OUT OF SIGHT! WE HAVE SOMETHING SPECIAL IN STORE FOR OUR SLEEPING CHUM!

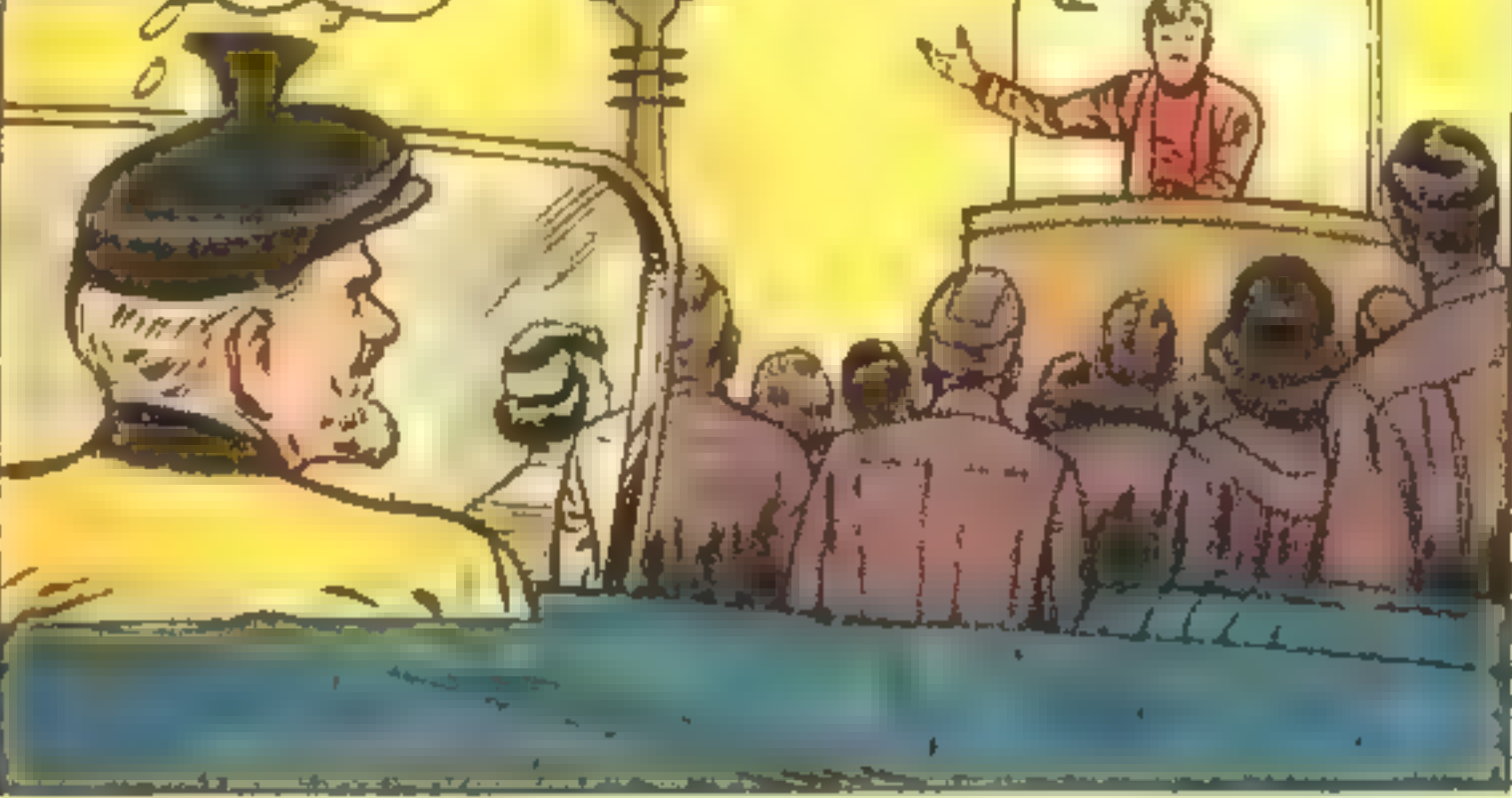
I HAVE TO GET THE **EFFIGIES** WE'LL USE TONIGHT! DON'T FORGET YOUR DISGUISE, **KYL-180**!



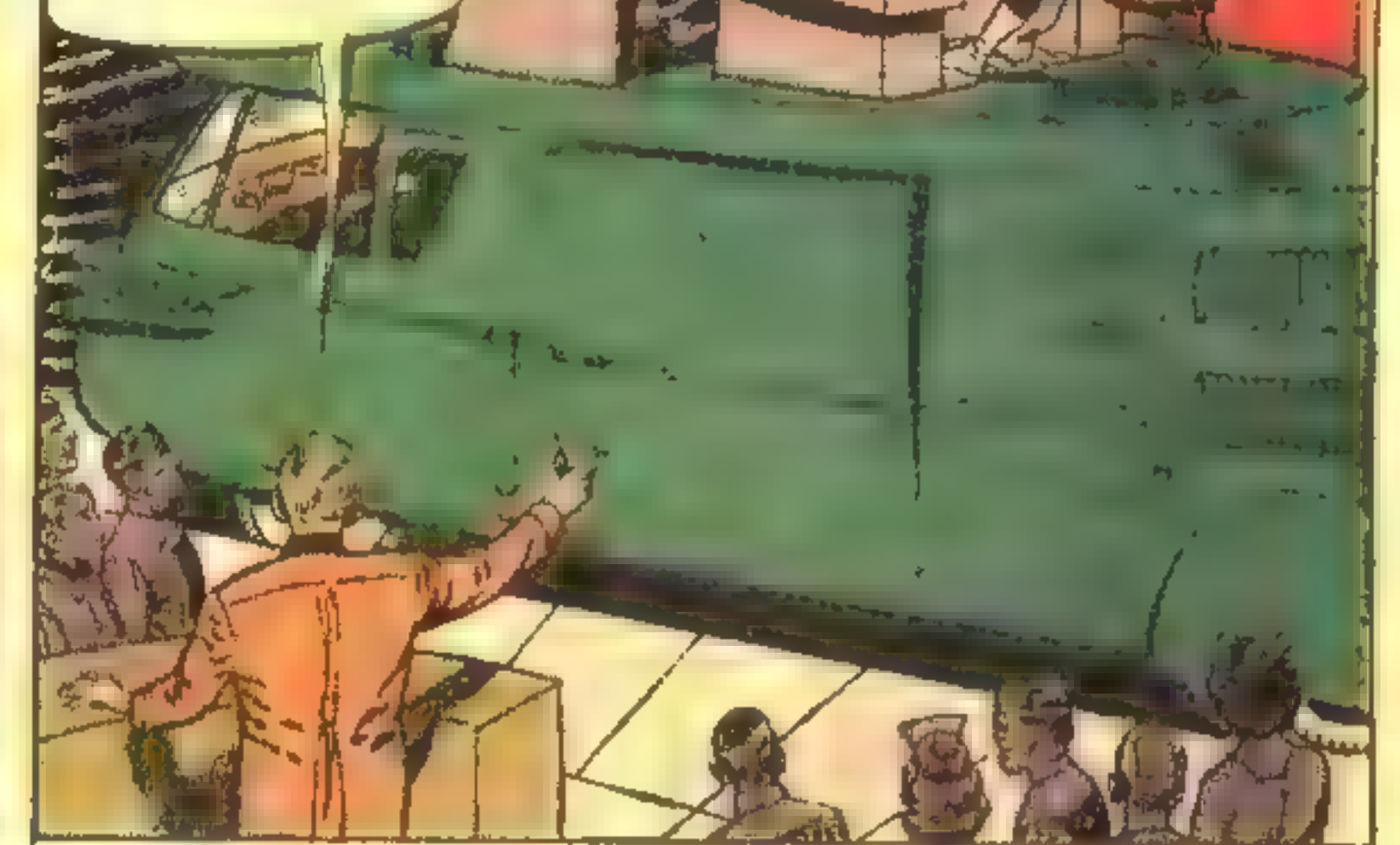
IT IS DARK BY THE TIME THE DISGUISED VILLAIN REACHES **KANDOR'S** PUBLIC SQUARE...

THERE'S **VAS-QUOR**, IN HIS "**GAN-LAR**" DISGUISE TALKING TO THE CROWD! **SUPERMAN** IS STILL OUT COLD IN THE BACK OF THE CAR!

THEN IT'S AGREED?



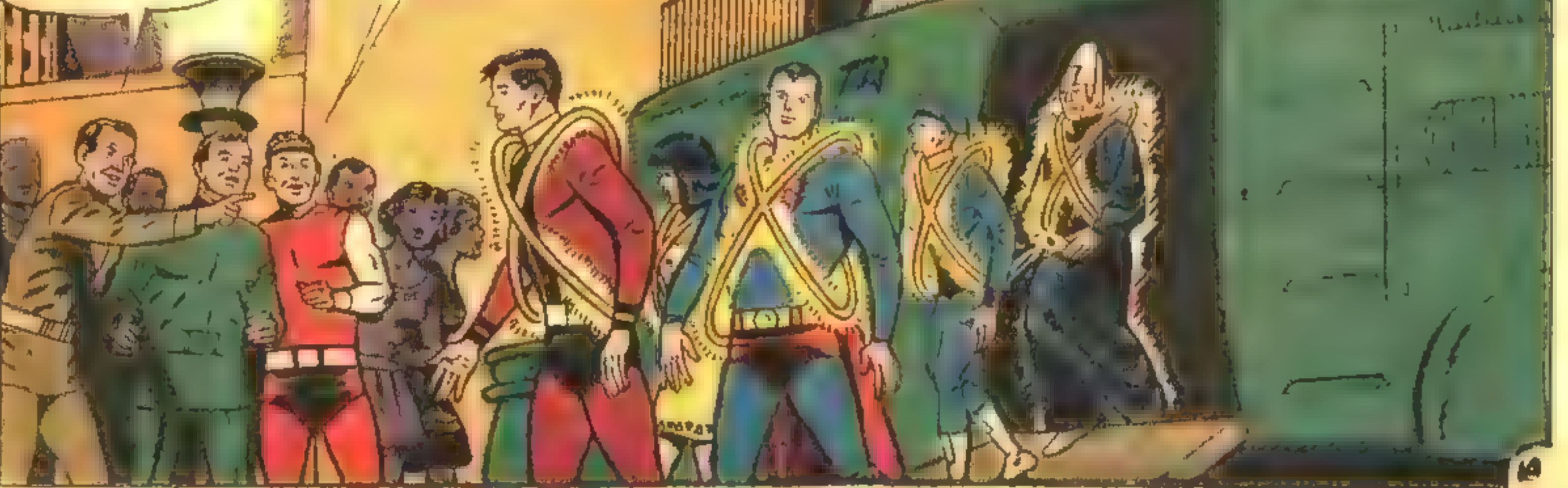
WE'LL CONDUCT A **QUELLORAN**-- THE TRADITIONAL **MOCK TRIAL OF KRYPTON**! PLAY THE CONTROL KEYS THAT WILL ACTIVATE THE **EFFIGIES** INSIDE THE TRUCK!



AS THE DISGUISED **BRENN-BIR** OPERATES THE CONTROLS, WEIRD, ROBOT EFFIGIES EMERGE FROM THE TRUCK!

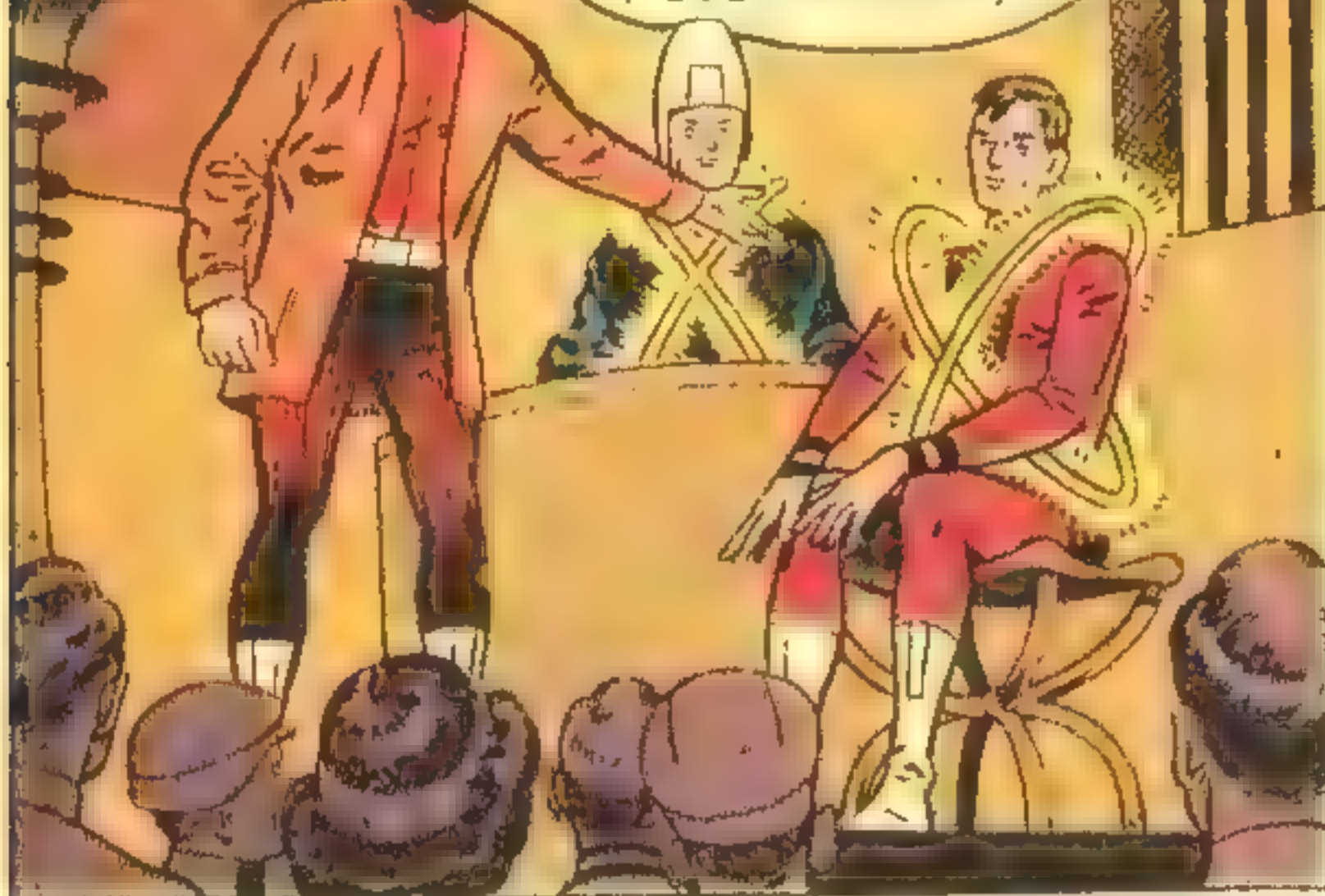
LOOK! MECHANICAL EFFIGIES OF **AK-VAR**, **SUPERMAN**, AND OTHERS!

YOU'D ALMOST THINK THEY WERE REAL IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE **ENERGY-TUBES** AROUND THEIR BODIES.



45 THE MOCK TRIAL BEGINS...

THE PROSECUTION
WILL PROVE THAT **AK-VAR**
USED SECRETS LEARNED WHILE
HE WAS IN THE **PHANTOM ZONE**
TO GIVE SUPER-POWERS TO
HIMSELF AND HIS
ACCOMPLICES.



THE "WITNESSES" ARE EXAMINED...

YES, I WAS FOOLISH
ENOUGH TO RELEASE THAT
VILLAIN FROM THE **ZONE**!

HE TRIED
TO CONVINCE
ME HE WAS
INNOCENT!

... AND
THAT'S HOW
HE FOOLED
THE POSSE!



FINALLY...

YOU ARE THE JURY,
FRIENDS! WHAT IS
YOUR VERDICT?

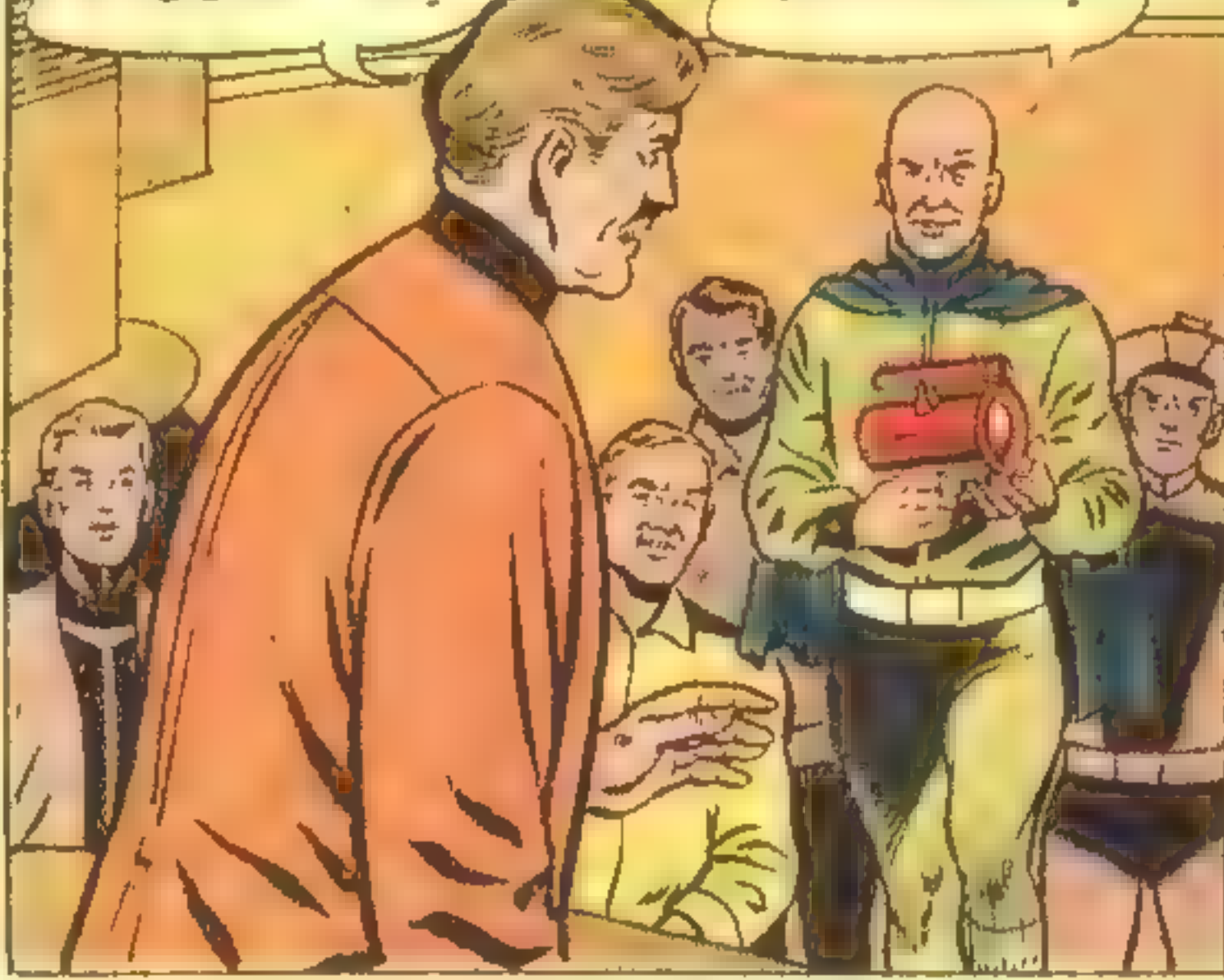
GUILTY!

RETURN
HIM TO THE
PHANTOM ZONE...
FOREVER!



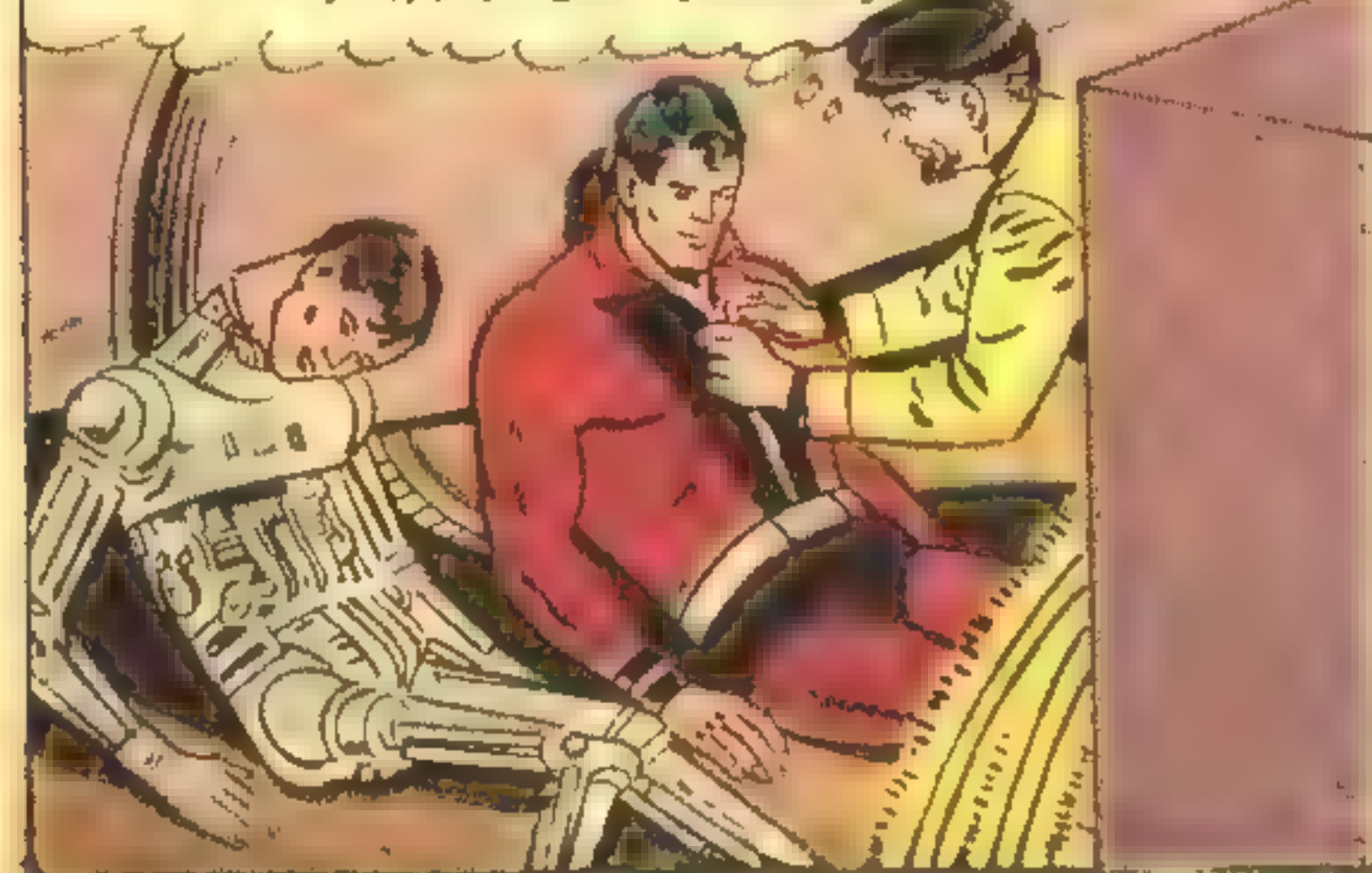
AH! **HAB-DIS**, THE
OFFICIAL EXECUTIONER
OF **KANDOR** AND
CUSTODIAN OF THE
PHANTOM ZONE
PROJECTOR.

I REMOVED THE
PROJECTOR FROM
THE VAULT SO WE
COULD USE IT IN
THE **QUELLORAN**
CEREMONY.



BUT MEANWHILE, IN THE NEARBY GLOOM...

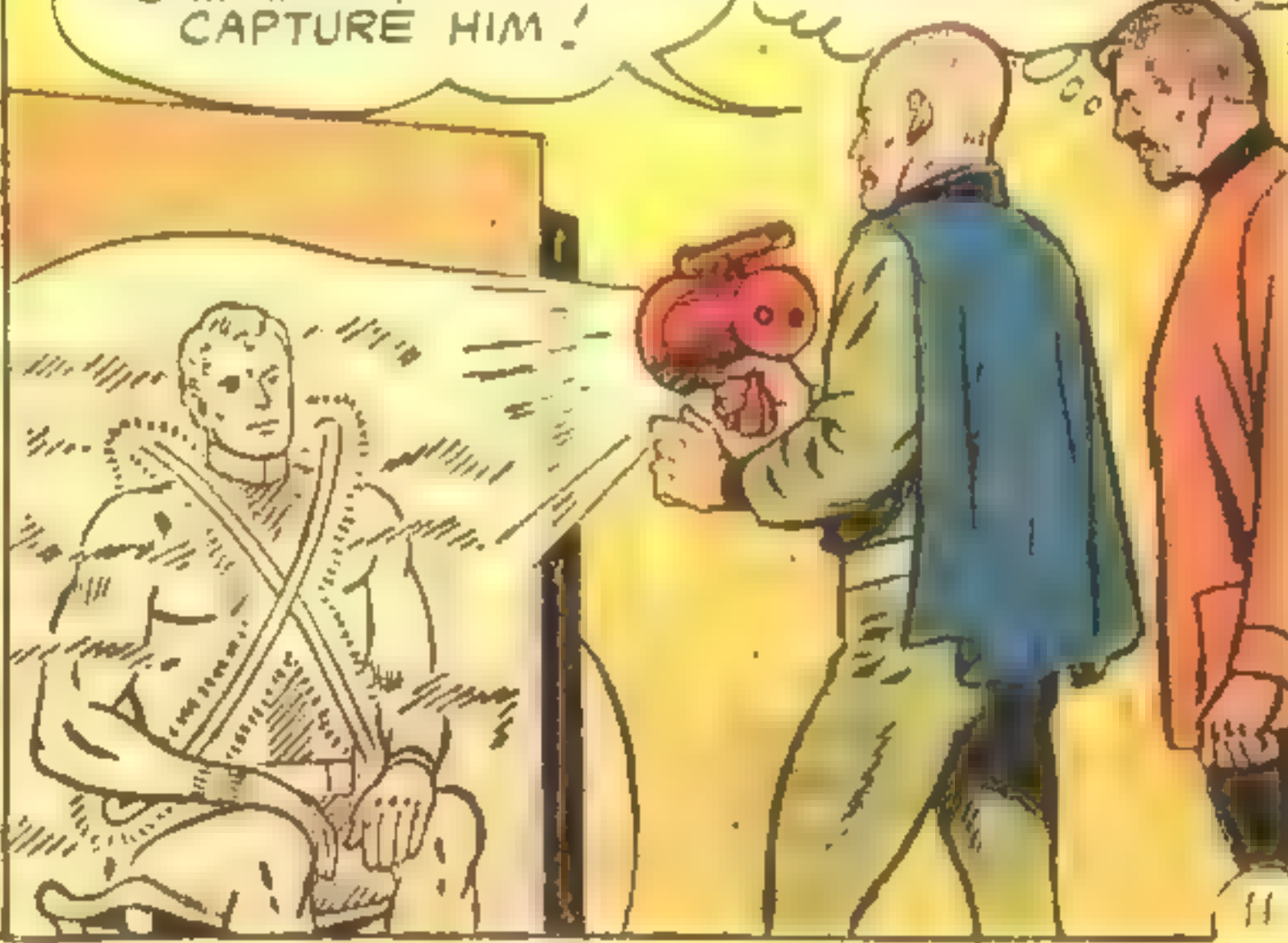
I'M GLAD **SUPERMAN'S** STILL OUT!
I'LL USE SOME MAKE-UP ON HIS
FACE. THEN, WITH THE **AK-VAR**
EFFIGY'S CLOTHES AND **ENERGY**
TUBES ON HIM, **SUPERMAN**
WILL PASS FOR **AK-VAR'S** ELECTRONIC
FIGURE! HE'LL BE PROJECTED
INTO THE **PHANTOM ZONE**!



AND SO, WHEN THE MOCK COURT'S SENTENCE IS
CARRIED OUT...

THERE GOES
THE EFFIGY OF **AK-VAR**
INTO THE **ZONE**! SO IT
WILL BE WITH THE REAL
CRIMINAL, WHEN WE
CAPTURE HIM!

SUPERMAN WILL
WAKE UP IN THAT
TWILIGHT WORLD!
HE'S OUT OF OUR
HAIR FOREVER!



SUDDENLY, A FIGURE DASHES UP FROM THE CROWD, AND...

LOOK, PEOPLE OF KANDOR. YOUR "FRIEND", GAN-LAR, IS REALLY YAS-QUOR, THE CRIMINAL!

AK-VAR! YOU DARE TO SHOW YOUR FACE HERE? I'LL...

THEN, AMAZINGLY...

POW! UUUUUHHH!

I'LL FLY OVER, AND... WH...?

THUD!

YOU LOOK TIRED! TRY MY PRIVATE SLEEPING MEDICINE! ONE SLUG SHOULD DO THE TRICK!

SUPERMAN'S EFFIGY HAS GONE BERSERK! BUT IT CAN'T HURT ME! I'LL STOP IT WITH THIS STUN-GUN!

THEN...

STOP, KYL-IBO! YOU WILL GIVE YOURSELF UP TO THE LAW!

I WILL... GIVE MYSELF ... UP!

AS THE POLICE ARRIVE TO TAKE THE CRIMINALS INTO CUSTODY...

YOU SEE, I'M THE REAL SUPERMAN. I DISCOVERED PROOF THAT AK-VAR HAD BEEN FRAMED, BUT TWO OF THOSE SUPER-CROOKS AMBUSHED ME!

I WAS HIDING NEARBY AND SAW THEM LEAD HIM INTO A CAR, SO I HITCHED A RIDE ON THE BACK OF IT!

"WHEN THE CAR STOPPED, I REVIVED SUPERMAN. THEN WE SLIPPED INTO THE TRUCK WHERE THE EFFIGIES WERE KEPT..."

I OVERHEARD KYL-IBO'S PLAN TO DRESS ME AS YOUR EFFIGY, AND SEND ME INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE! BUT I'LL SPOIL THEIR SCHEME BY CHANGING PLACES WITH MY EFFIGY!

THIS IS WHAT GAVE THOSE CRIMINALS THEIR SUPER-POWERS... A PIECE OF RED KRYPTONITE!



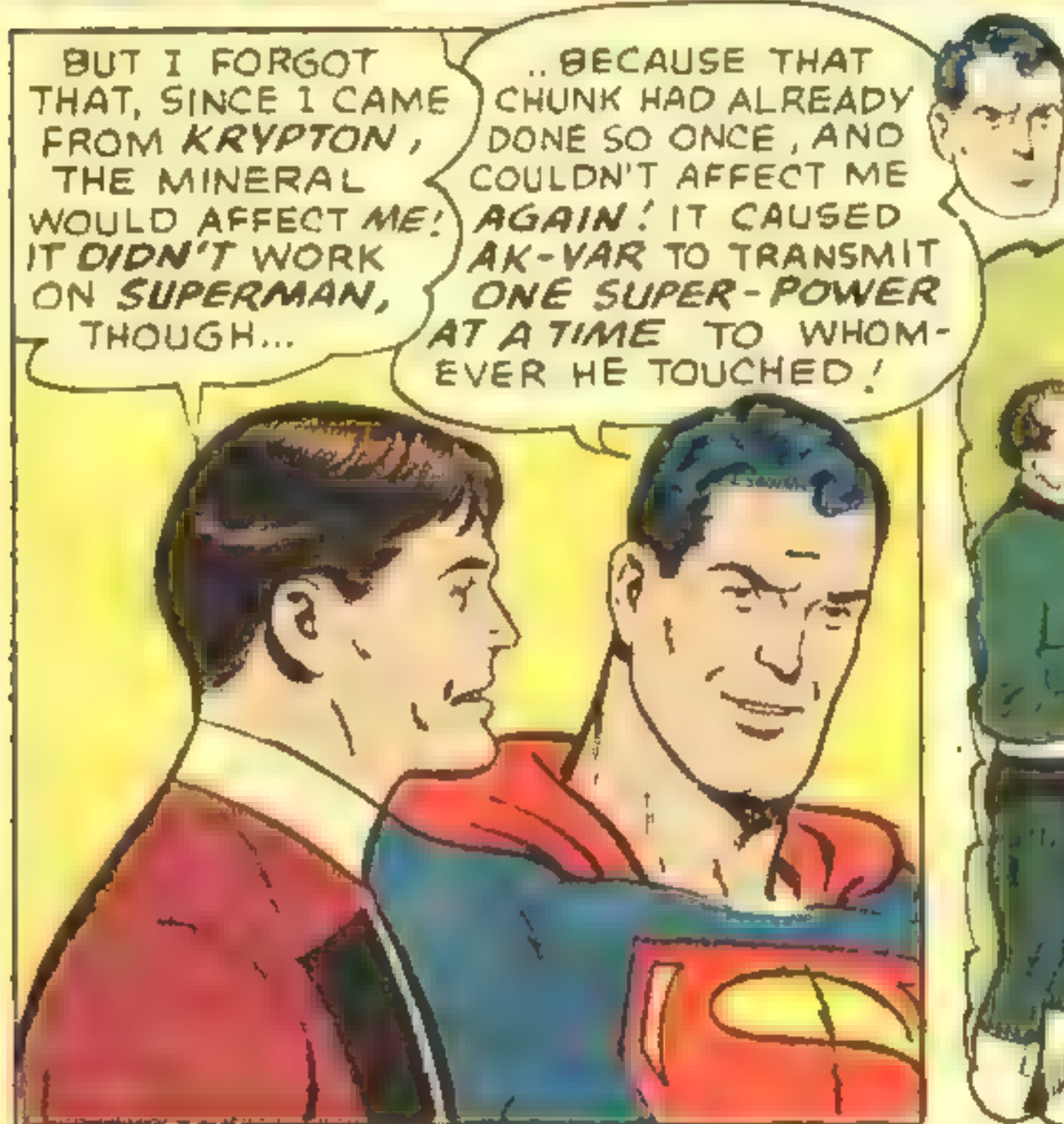
"I USED MY TIME ON EARTH TO LOOK FOR SOME SORT OF WEAPON TO USE AGAINST SUPERMAN. AT LAST I SPOTTED A RED K METEORITE ON A REMOTE MOUNTAINTOP!"



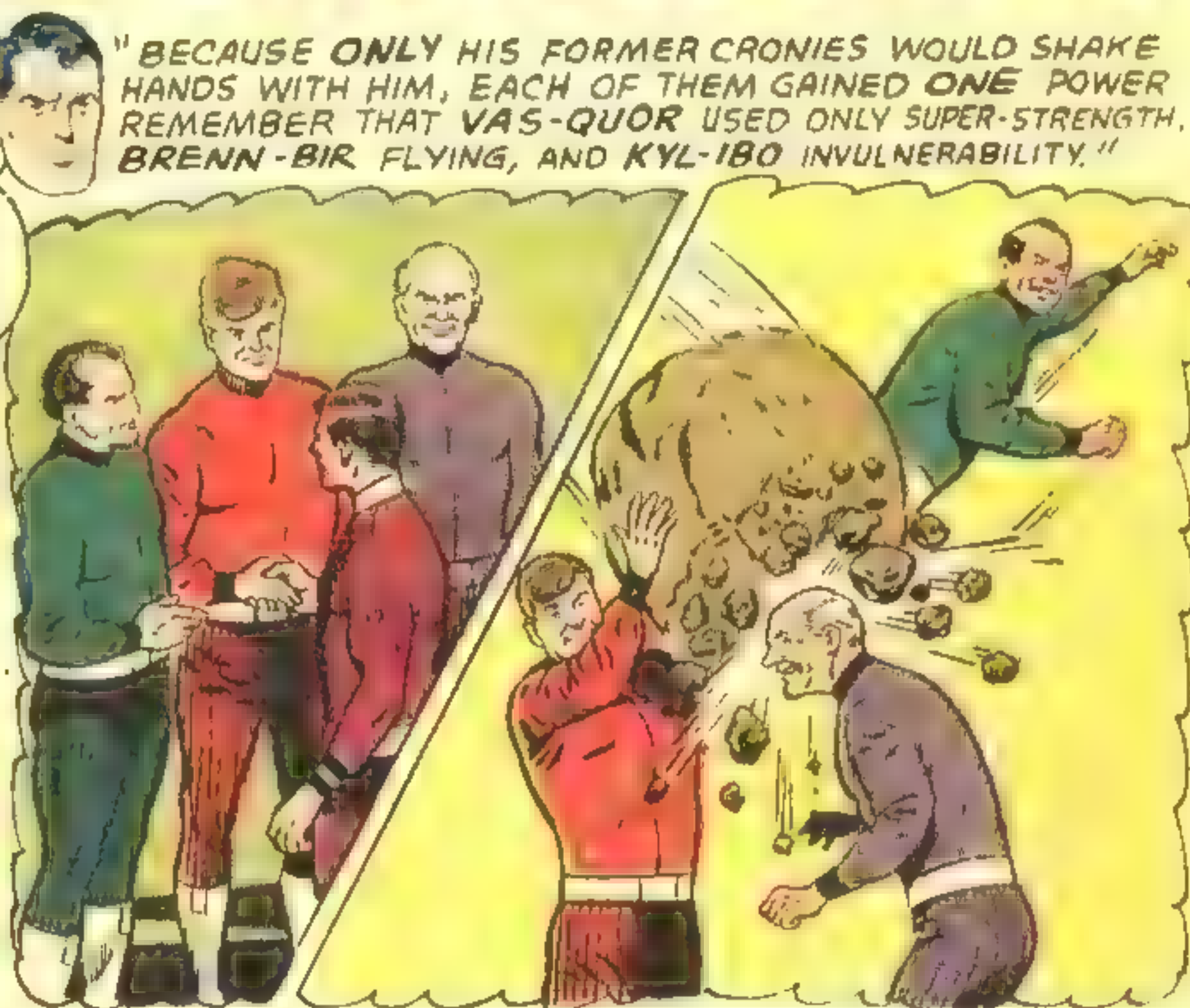
RED K ALWAYS HAS UNPREDICTABLE EFFECTS ON SUPERMAN! THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT THE FRAGMENT MAY DO TO HIM!

BUT I FORGOT THAT, SINCE I CAME FROM KRYPTON, THE MINERAL WOULD AFFECT ME! IT DIDN'T WORK ON SUPERMAN, THOUGH...

...BECAUSE THAT CHUNK HAD ALREADY DONE SO ONCE, AND COULDN'T AFFECT ME AGAIN! IT CAUSED AK-VAR TO TRANSMIT ONE SUPER-POWER AT A TIME TO WHOMEVER HE TOUCHED!



"BECAUSE ONLY HIS FORMER CRONIES WOULD SHAKE HANDS WITH HIM, EACH OF THEM GAINED ONE POWER. REMEMBER THAT VAS-QUOR USED ONLY SUPER-STRENGTH, BRENN-BIR FLYING, AND KYL-IBO INVULNERABILITY."



WHEN AK-VAR FREED ME, HIS RED K TOUCH GAVE ME THE POWER OF SUPER-HYPNOTISM! THAT'S WHY EVEN THAT INVULNERABLE CROOK, KYL-IBO, COULDN'T RESIST MY COMMAND!

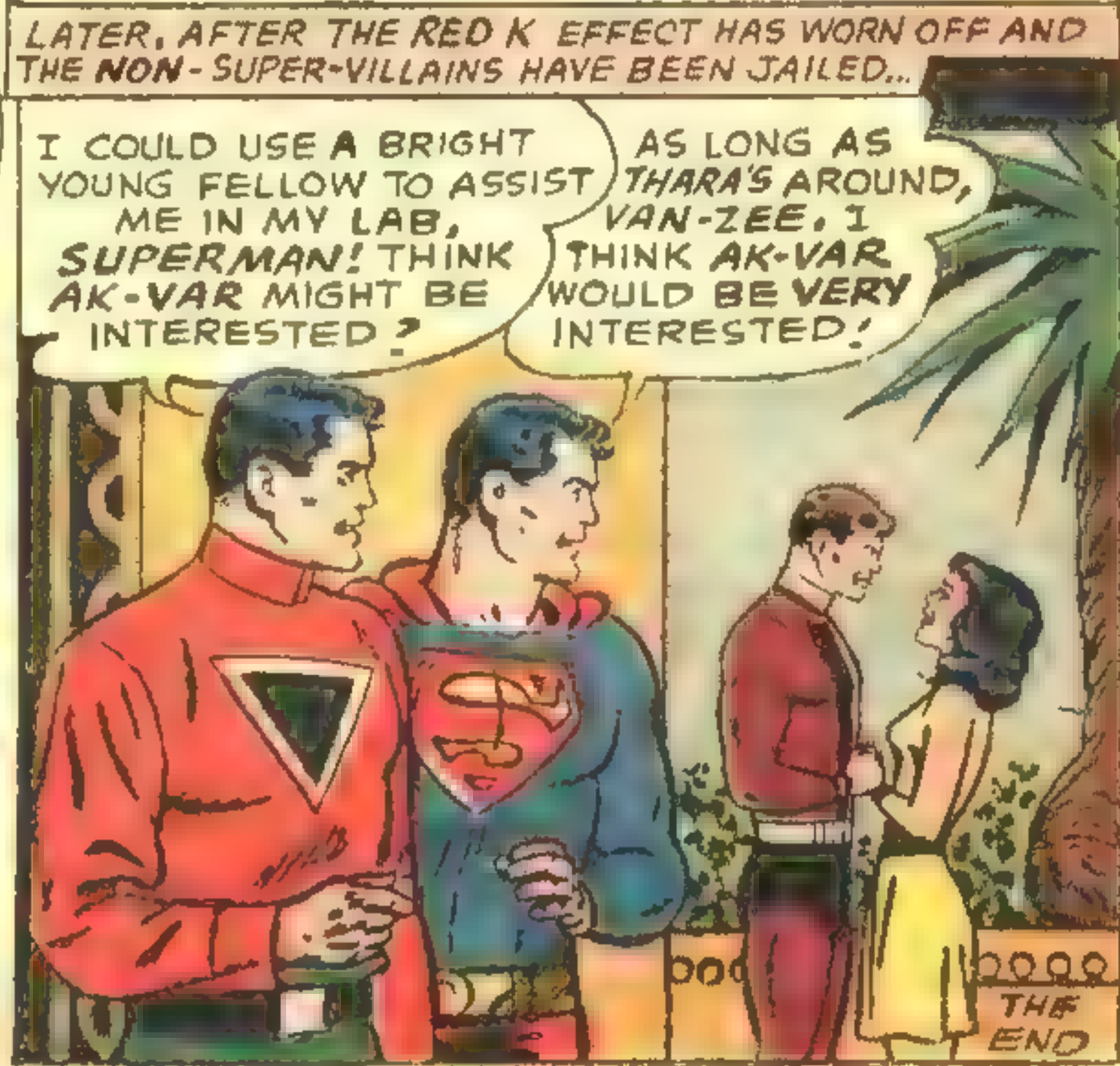
AFTER THIS, EVERYONE IN KANDOR WILL BE PROUD TO SHAKE AK-VAR'S HAND!



LATER, AFTER THE RED K EFFECT HAS WORN OFF AND THE NON-SUPER-VILLAINS HAVE BEEN JAILED...

I COULD USE A BRIGHT YOUNG FELLOW TO ASSIST ME IN MY LAB, SUPERMAN! THINK AK-VAR MIGHT BE INTERESTED?

AS LONG AS THARA'S AROUND, VAN-ZEE, I THINK AK-VAR WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED!



THE END

METROPOLIS MAILBAG

Dear Editor: I'm a loyal fan of ACTION and all your other comics. I think your stories are always interesting. I've spotted some errors, but hesitated to write about them, because your other tales make up for them. I have \$50.00 worth of comics and most of them are DC's. I'm writing this letter during school. The bell just rang, so I'll sign off. Keep up the good work. —Joseph Creighton, Monmouth, Ill.

(We appreciate your kind words, but what's the idea of writing to us during class? We'd suggest you confine your school hours to study and save our Delightful Comics for later. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Recently I was watching a TV show called "Let's Play Post Office," in which the contestants have to guess the senders of fictional messages. They had one telegram which said, "Lost clothes in phone booth. Returning to Krypton." I was surprised to see this on a game show. The answer was Superman—as if you didn't know! —John Aanderud, Fargo, N.D.

(Thanks for the intelligence, but did they explain how he could return to Krypton when it no longer exists? —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: What I want to know is, what's so special about those mags of yours? What do you have in them? Originality, sure! So you blaze new trails that other publishers follow—so what? What's the big deal with your enthralling stories and their surprise endings? Or your thorough and interesting characterization? So you have the best staff of writers and artists in the business! What does that mean? Nothing—except that your competitors are knocking themselves out trying to match you, and not succeeding! I can take your mags or leave 'em! But I'll take 'em, I'll take 'em, I'll take 'em! —Oliver Hastings, Lima, Ohio.

(And what's so great about our fans—except that they're bright, loyal and true-blue? —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I heard recently that there will be a new Superman series on TV. Is this true? If so, when will it be on the air? —Ted Mason, Billings, Mont.

(The new animated Superman series is scheduled to debut on the CBS network in September. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Why is it that every time anything far-out happens to Superman—either a physical or a mental change—it's always caused by Red Kryptonite? Doesn't anything else affect him in weird ways? —Joe Simpson, Alameda, Calif.

(Yes; but what it is and how it affects him is something we're saving to surprise you with in the next issue. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: Here's one reader who finds your two- and three-part stories refreshingly short after what *Brand 1* has been doing! Their stories always seem to drag out over 8 or 9 issues—and instead of ending it cleanly, they get into another adventure in the same story. That's why I've dropped those mags; I just can't stand their endless serials which are really interminable soap operas! —Ed Franklin, Chicago, Ill.

(Be assured that when we reach the end of a story, it'll END! Anyone who wants a soap-opera story can read DC's romance mags. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I read a lot, and I've found many super-heroes, going all the way back to ancient times. I've also come across heroes with secret identities, such as The Scarlet Pimpernel. But I've been unable to find a super-hero with a secret identity before Superman. As far as I can tell, the Man of Steel was the first to combine these two features. Right? —Bill Davison, Oshkosh, Wis.

(Right! Superman blazed the trail that others followed. As usual, DC was there first! —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I was amazed by your imaginary story of "The Duel Between Superwoman and Superboy." When I started it in the last issue, I figured the ending would have Superboy trained as a crime-fighter and becoming a great hero. It was a real shock to see him turn out to be a first-class rat and lose his super-powers! Once again, DC has done the unexpected and given us a tale of truly classic proportions. —Clyde Tucker, Tulsa, Okla.

(If you think that was something, wait'll you get a load of what happens to Lois Lane in the Imaginary tale in her mag! —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I could hardly believe my eyes when I saw the cover of the latest SUPERMAN 80 PAGE GIANT. Is it really true that collectors are paying \$30.00 and up for old comic magazines? —Rebecca Thayer, Seattle, Wash.

(Yes—if they're rare enough and in perfect condition. At the convention of comic fans held in New York last summer, a copy of ACTION No. 1 was auctioned off for \$40.00. And collectors we've talked to say it's worth at least twice that much! —Ed.)

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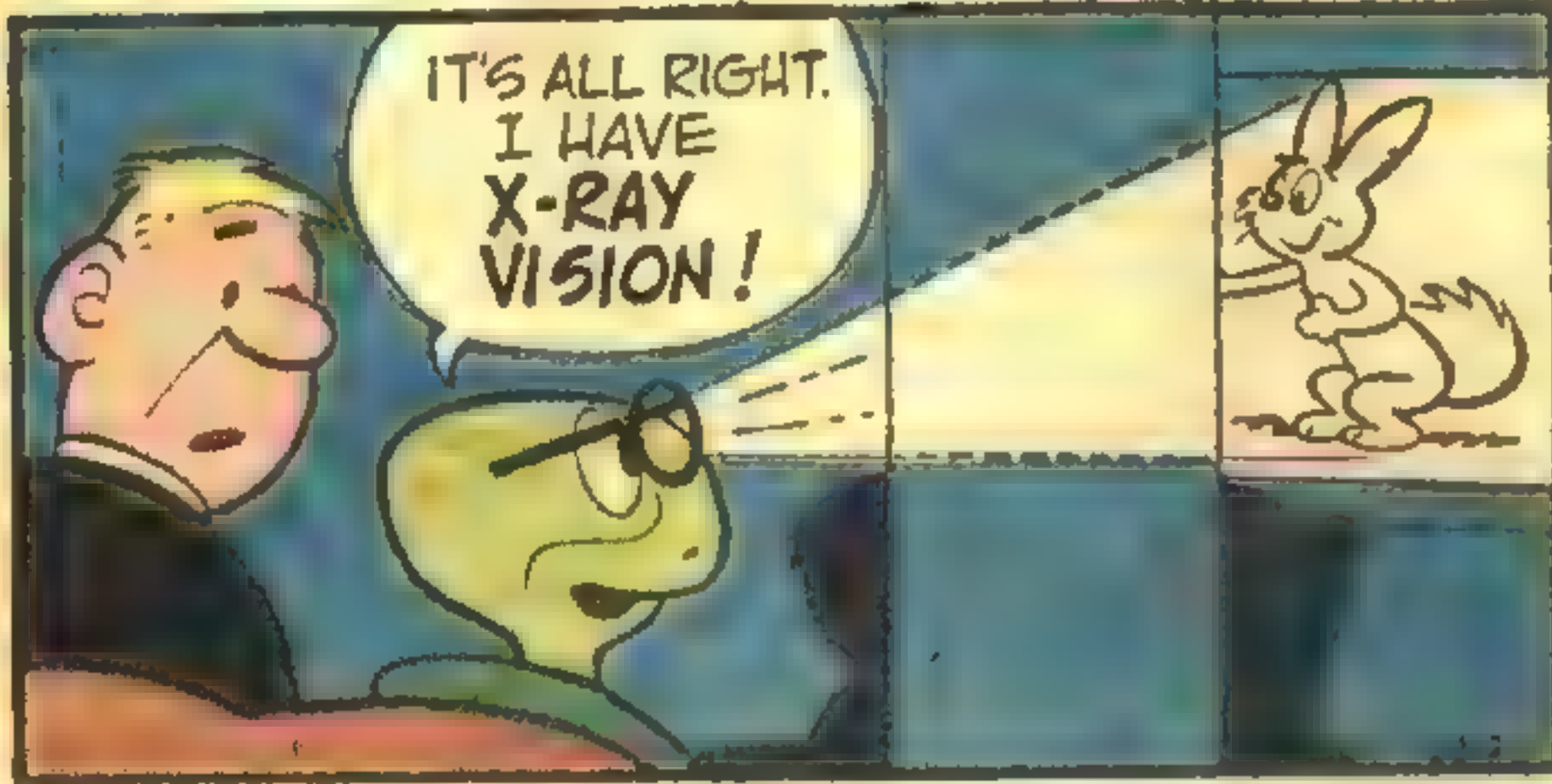
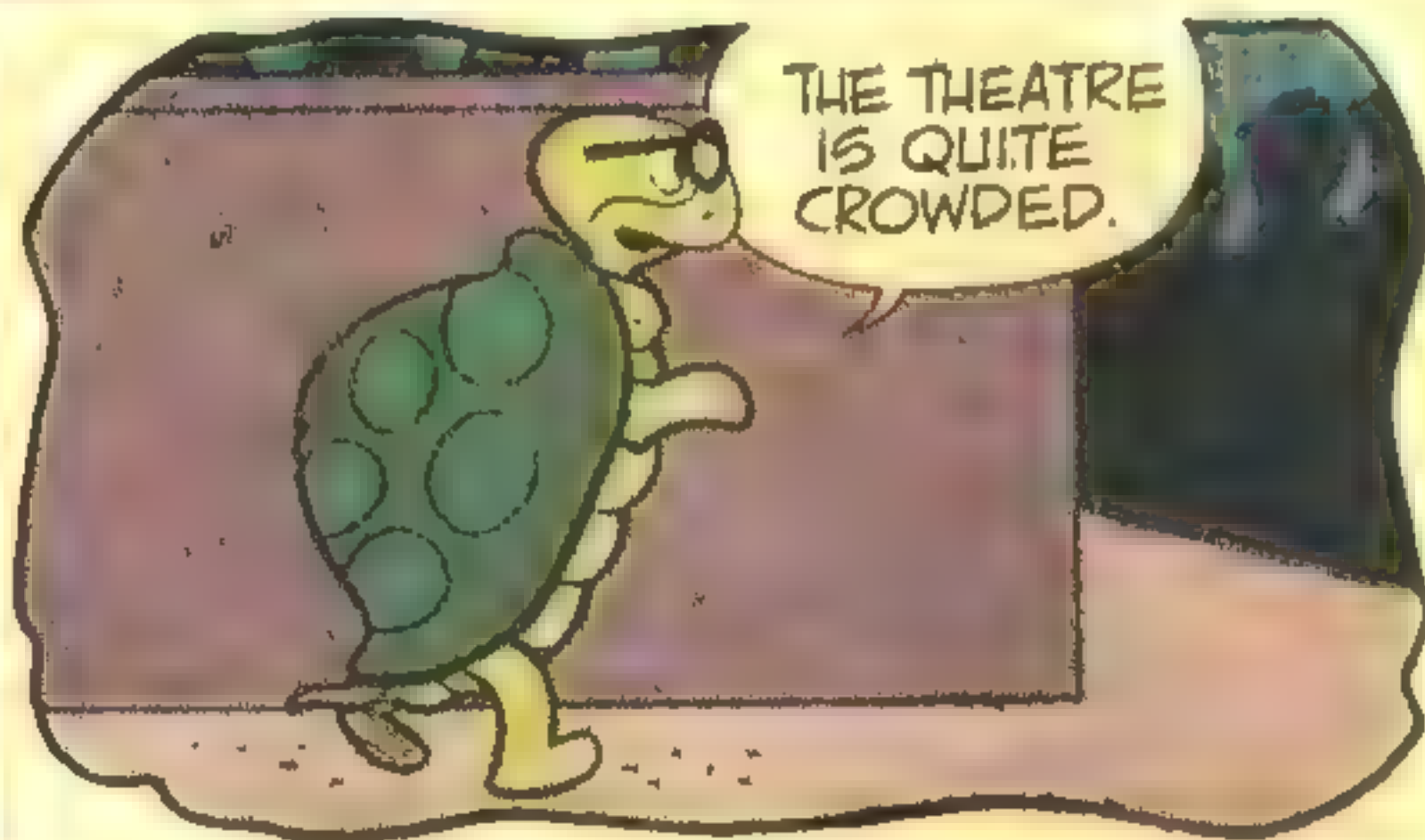
WE MUST BE DOING SOMETHING — WAIT

SUPER-TURTLE

JUST WHAT I LIKE!
CARTOONS - WITH
PLENTY OF ANIMALS
IN THEM.



TODAY!
10 CARTOONS
IN COLOR



THE EPIC BATTLE-SHOCKER
THAT HISTORY
SIDESTEPPED--

CHILLING!
PULSE-POUNDING!
EXPLOSIVE!

IT'S ALL THAT, AND MORE, WHEN THE **RANGERS**—
AMERICA'S FIRST FIGHTING GI'S—BUY A ONE-WAY
TICKET TO A DEAD END, TO RENDEZVOUS WITH

**THE FEARFUL FREAK
OF DUNHAM'S DUNGEON!**

Plus A SPECIAL
COMBAT
CLASSIC...

**"TAKE ME
ALIVE!"**

GET YOUR
SIZZLING COPY
MARCH 1st!



SUPERGIRL

YOU AM JIM-DANDY UGLY. YOU BE OUR ANTI-BEAUTY CONTEST WINNER!

SOB! ONLY THE BIZARROS CAN BEAR TO LOOK AT MY HORRIBLE, TWISTED FACE!

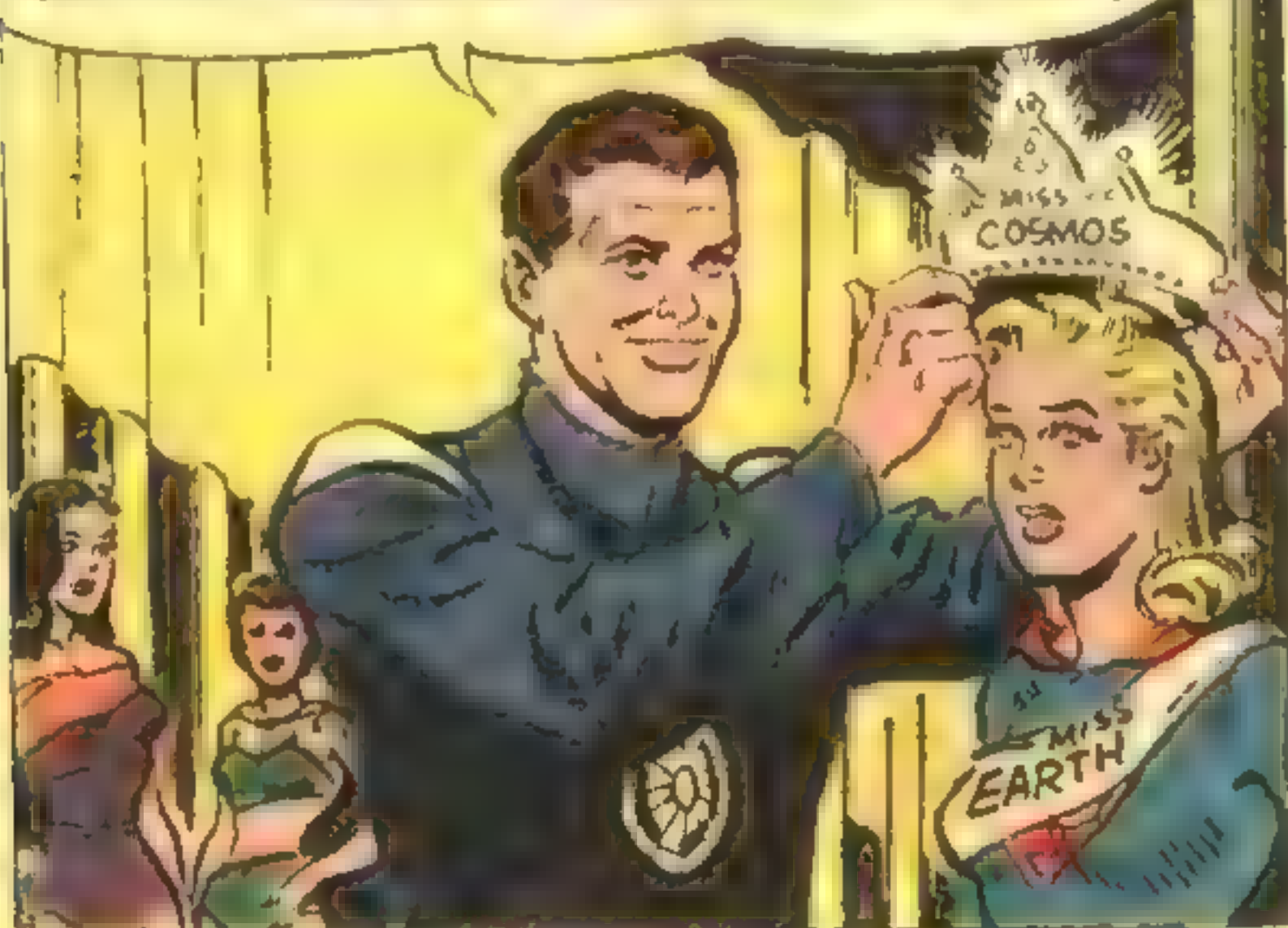
WHY DOES THE GORGEOUS GIRL OF STEEL ONE DAY CONCEAL HER FEATURES BEHIND A MASK? WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HER FACE TO MAKE THE GROTESQUE BIZARROS CONSIDER IT BEAUTIFUL? AND WHY SHOULD SHE SEEMINGLY GO BERSERK AND KEEP HER COUSIN, SUPERMAN, FROM ENTERING HIS OWN SECRET SANCTUM? ALL THE ANSWERS, BOTH HEARTBREAKING AND HILARIOUS, ARE FOUND IN THIS TALE OF... "The

**FORBIDDEN
FORTRESS
of
SOLITUDE!**"



ON A FAR OFF-WORLD, ONE DAY, AT A BEAUTY CONTEST SPONSORED BY PRINCE JAK-THAL...

YOU'VE TRIUMPHED OVER THE CONTESTANTS FROM OTHER PLANETS, SUPERGIRL OF EARTH! I CROWN YOU MISS COSMOS. TOMORROW YOU WILL RECEIVE THE ROYAL REWARD!

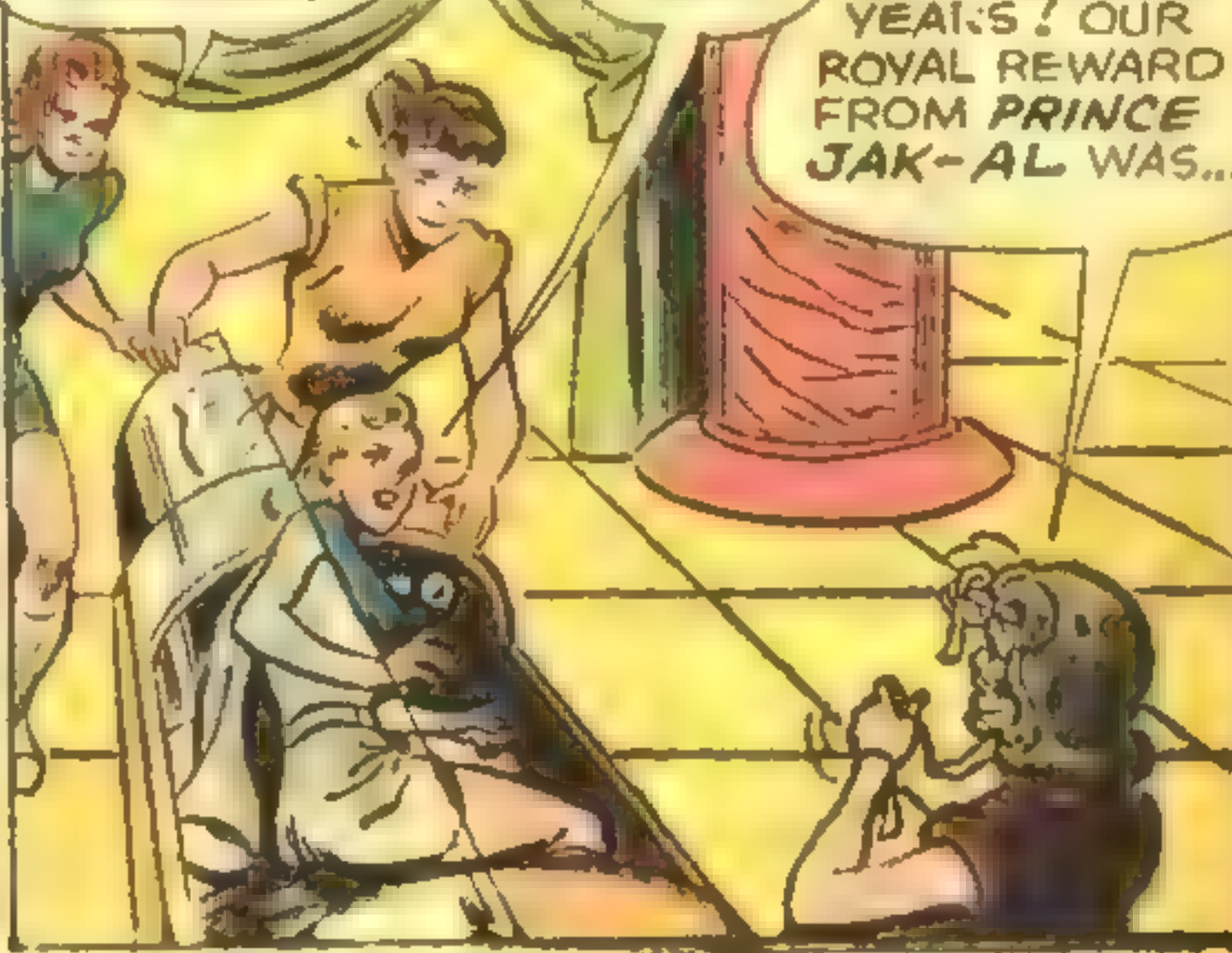


BUT THAT NIGHT, IN HER PALACE QUARTERS, SUPERGIRL IS AWAKENED BY THREE MYSTERIOUS GIRLS...

POOR SUPERGIRL! WE PITY YOU FOR WINNING!

PITY ME? WHY?

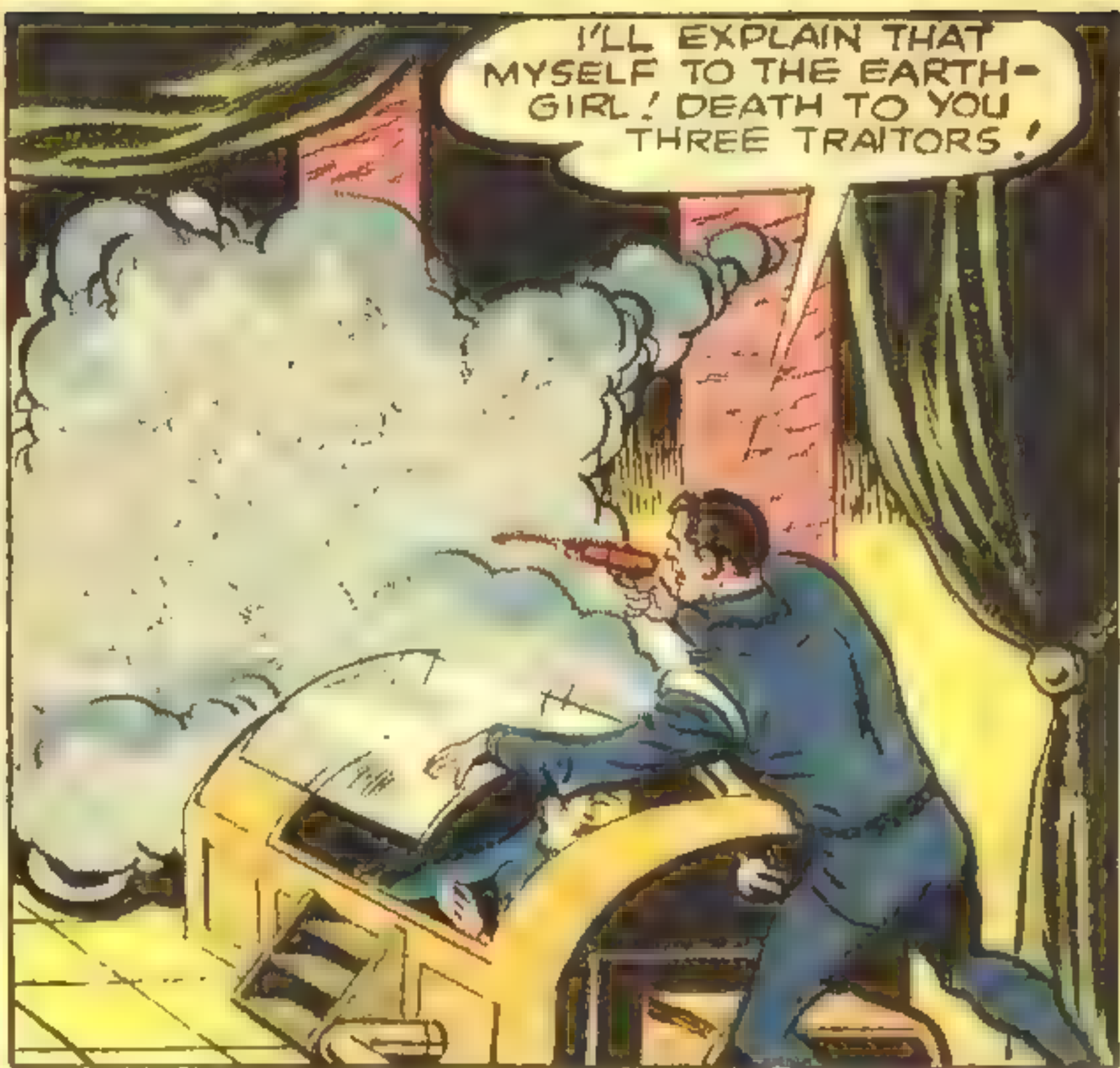
WE, TOO, WERE CHOSEN AS MISS COSMOS IN PREVIOUS YEARS! OUR ROYAL REWARD FROM PRINCE JAK-AL WAS...





...THIS!

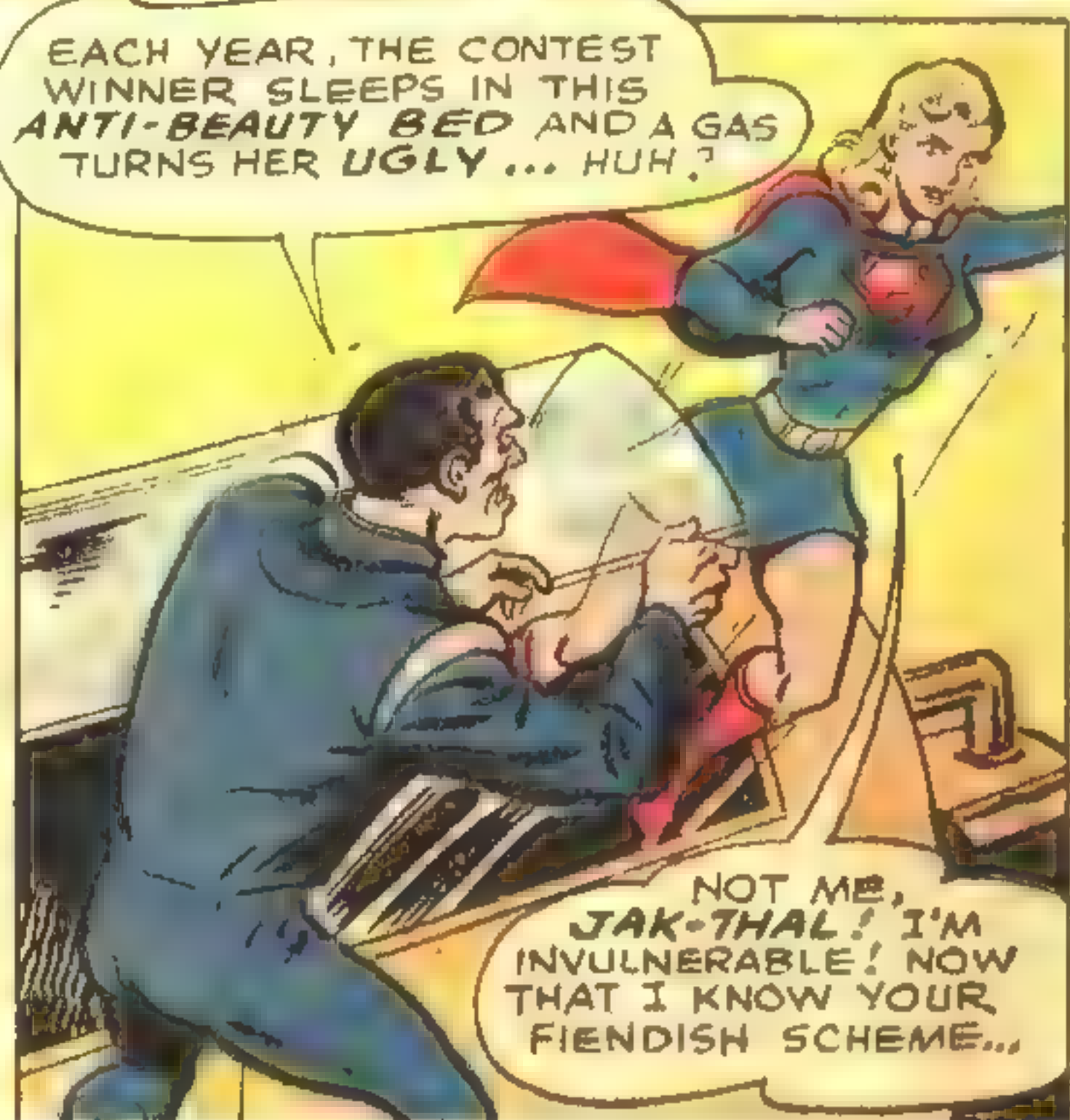
YOUR BEAUTY... GASP!...
WIPE OUT? BUT WHY
WOULD JAK-THAL DO
THIS TO YOU?



I'LL EXPLAIN THAT
MYSELF TO THE EARTH-
GIRL! DEATH TO YOU
THREE TRAITORS!

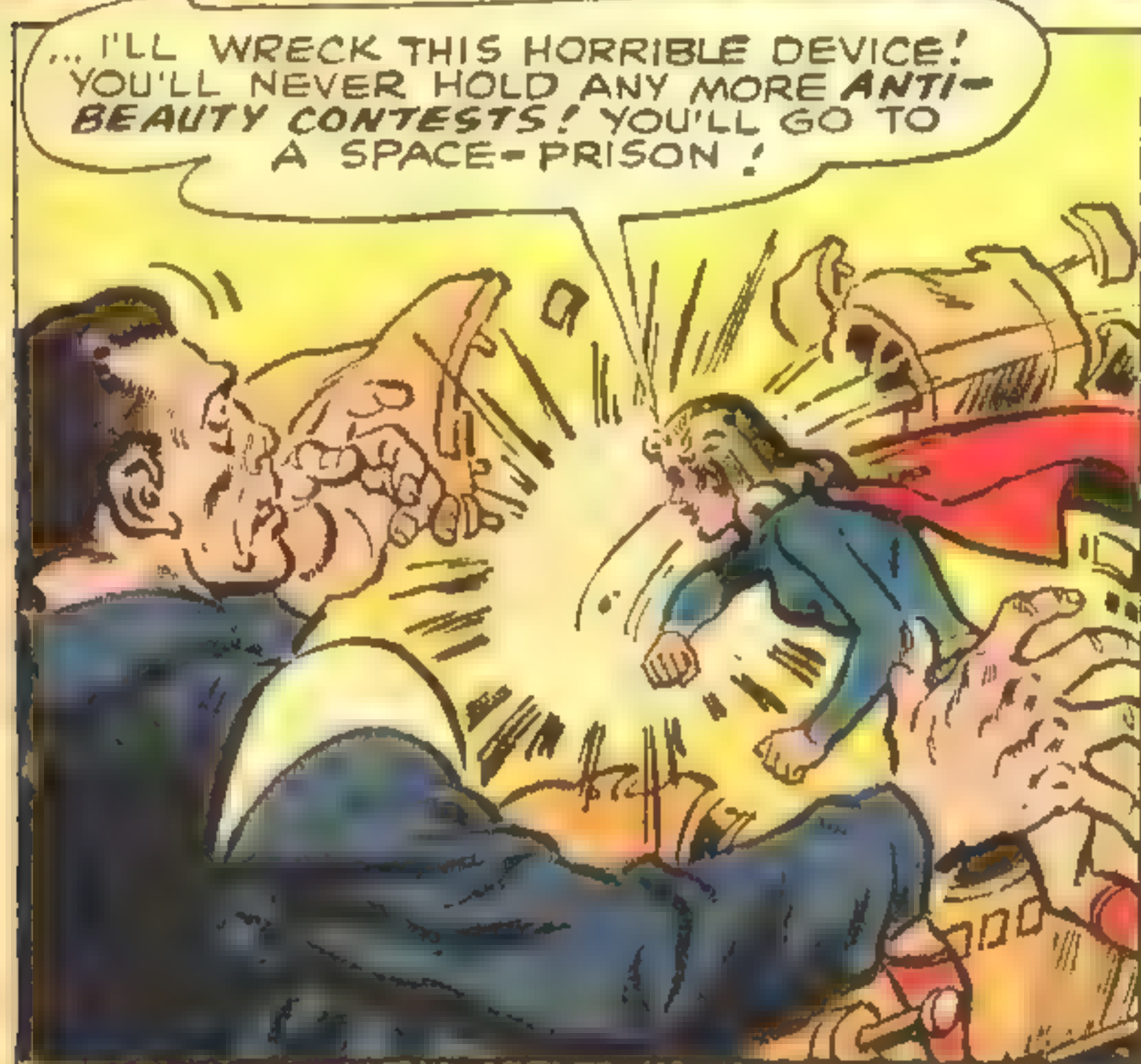


SEE? I ONLY WORE A MASK,
HIDING MY TRUE FACE!
HORRIBLE, ISN'T IT? IT
HAPPENED WHEN POWERFUL
SPACE RADIATIONS STRUCK ME
AND TOOK AWAY MY GOOD
LOOKS... **FOREVER!** THUS, I
HATE BEAUTY!

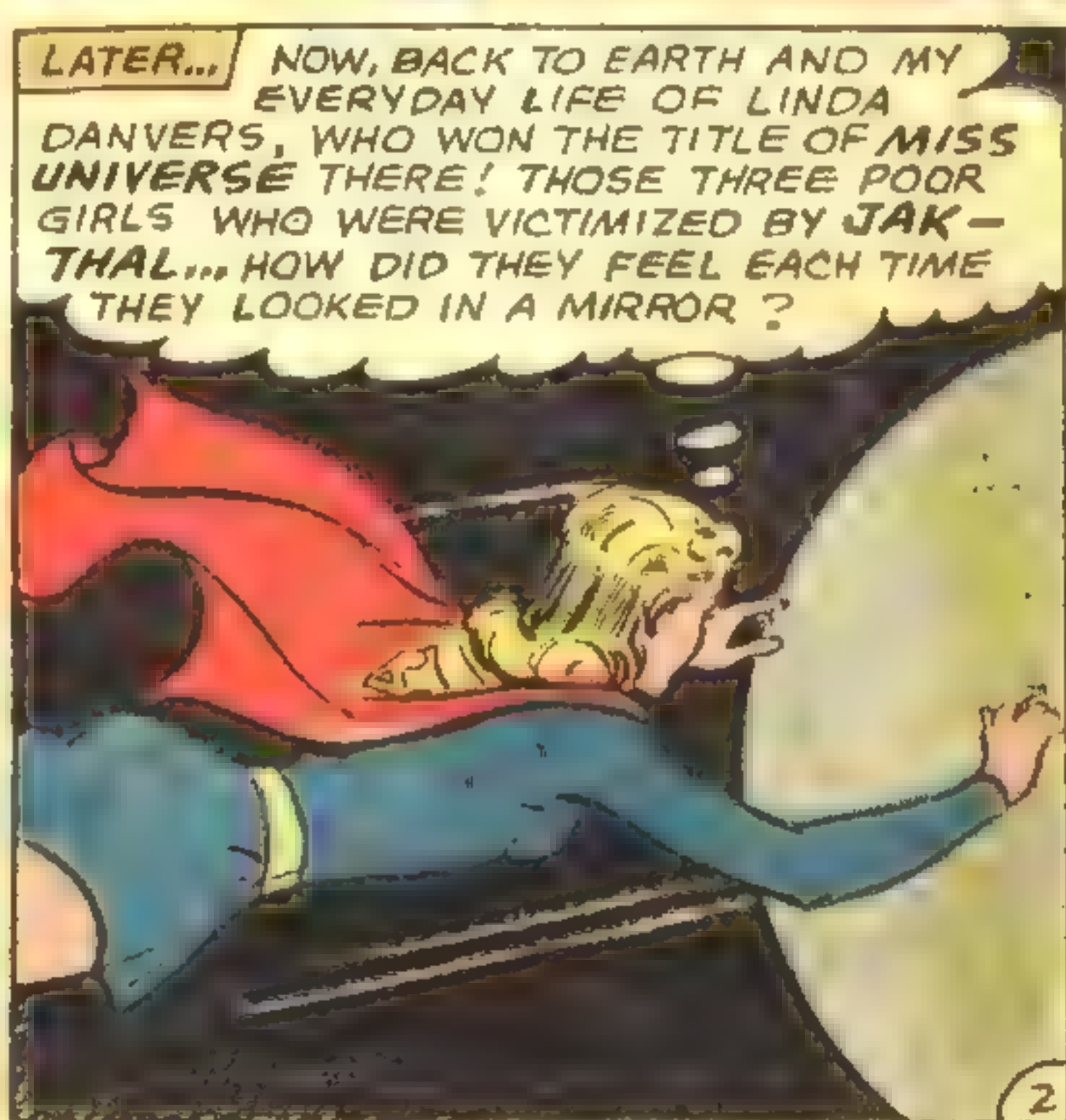


EACH YEAR, THE CONTEST
WINNER SLEEPS IN THIS
ANTI-BEAUTY BED AND A GAS
TURNS HER **UGLY**... HUH?

NOT ME,
JAK-THAL! I'M
INVULNERABLE! NOW
THAT I KNOW YOUR
FIENDISH SCHEME...



... I'LL WRECK THIS HORRIBLE DEVICE!
YOU'LL NEVER HOLD ANY MORE **ANTI-
BEAUTY CONTESTS!** YOU'LL GO TO
A SPACE-PRISON!

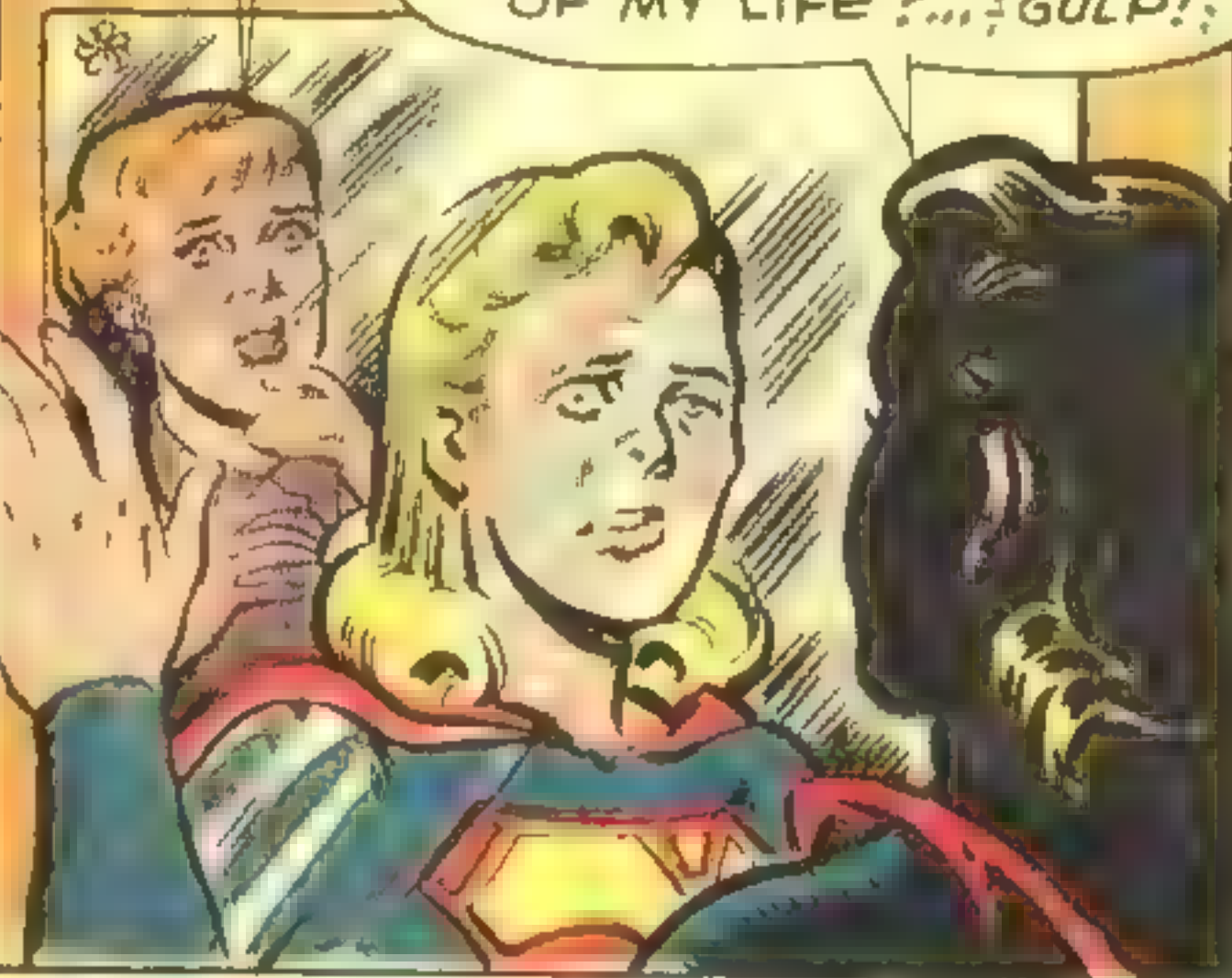


LATER... NOW, BACK TO EARTH AND MY
EVERYDAY LIFE OF LINDA
DANVERS, WHO WON THE TITLE OF **MISS
UNIVERSE** THERE! THOSE THREE POOR
GIRLS WHO WERE VICTIMIZED BY **JAK-
THAL**... HOW DID THEY FEEL EACH TIME
THEY LOOKED IN A MIRROR?

SUPERGIRL SOON FINDS OUT AT HOME... TO HER SHOCK!

YOUR FACE!
OH, MY POOR
DEAR!

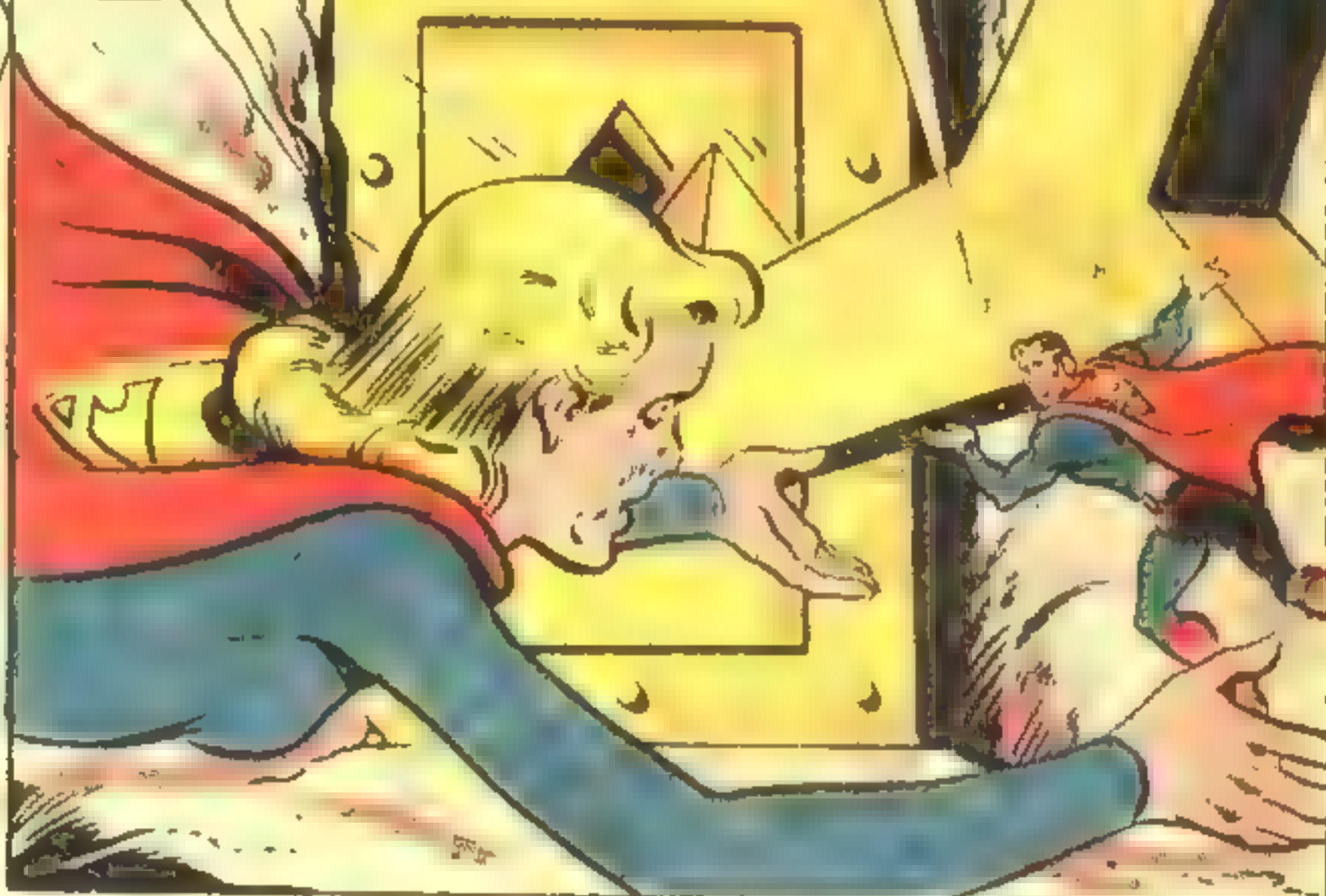
GREAT HEAVENS!
TH-THE **ANTI-BEAUTY**
GAS WORKED AFTER
ALL! IT WAS A **DELAYED**
CHANGE WHICH TOOK TIME
TO BREAK THROUGH MY
INVULNERABILITY! WILL I
LOOK LIKE THIS THE REST
OF MY LIFE?...**GULP!**



HEARTBROKEN, THE GIRL OF STEEL SEEKS SUPER-AID AT SUPERMAN'S ARCTIC FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE!

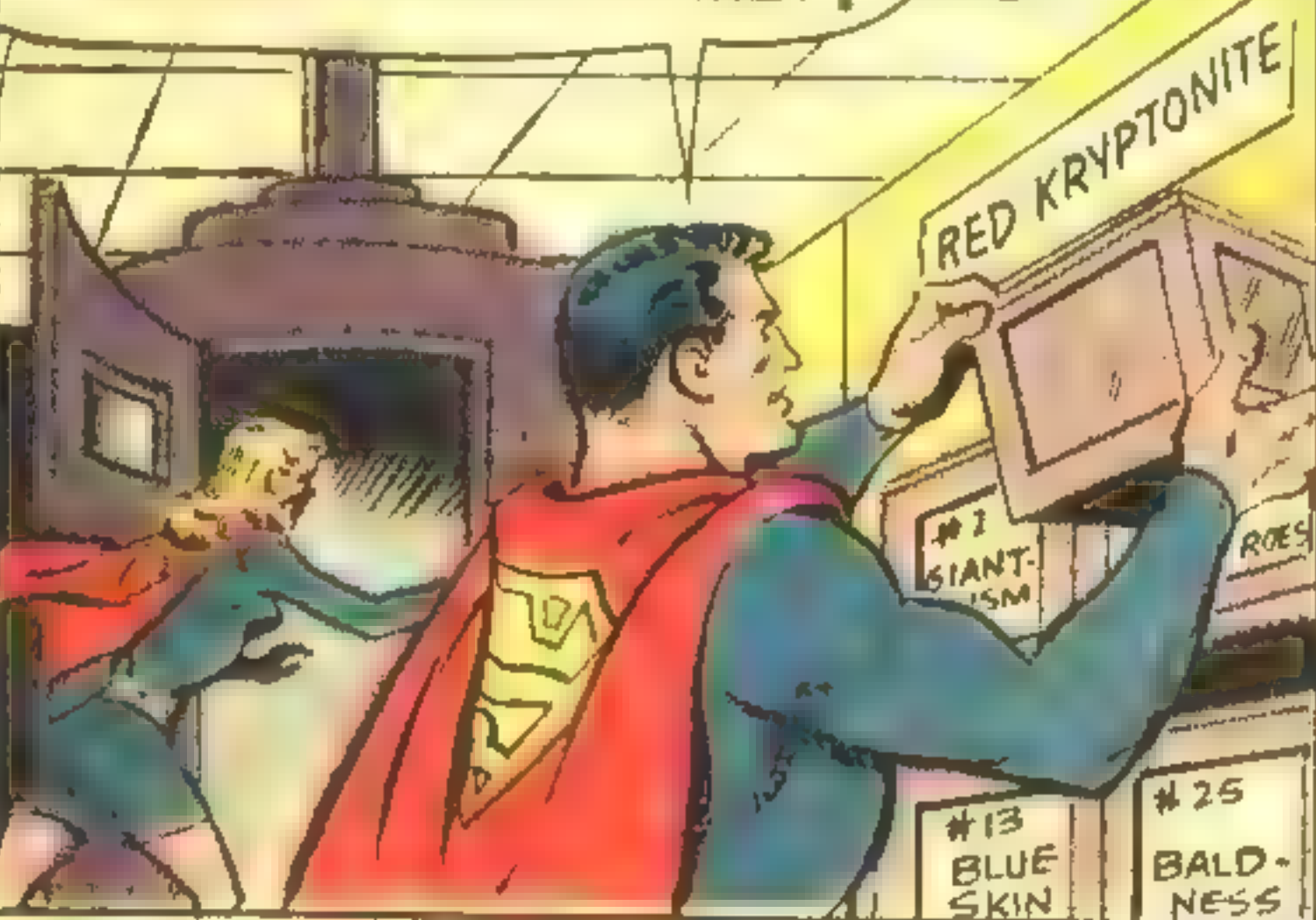
SUPERMAN!
PLEASE
HELP ME!
...**SOB!**

SUPERGIRL! WHAT
HAPPENED TO YOUR
FACE?

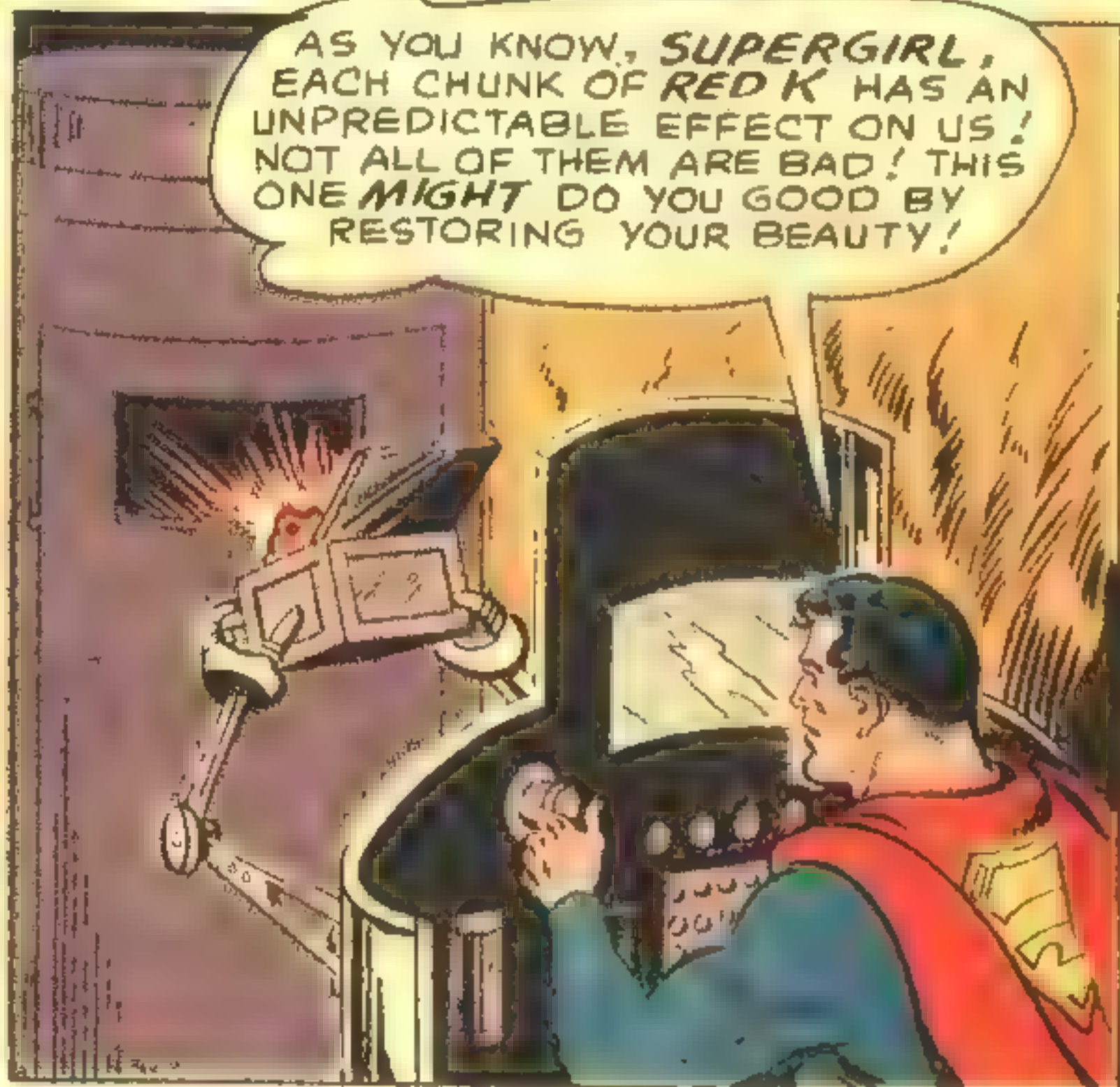


AFTER THE MAN OF STEEL HEARS HIS COUSIN'S TRAGIC TALE...

I'VE NEVER BEEN EXPOSED TO THIS NEW SPECIMEN OF **RED KRYPTONITE**, WHICH ONE OF MY ROBOTS BROUGHT HERE! BUT MY COMPUTER ANALYSIS SHOWS IT **MAY** HELP YOU, **SUPERGIRL!** STEP INTO THAT LEAD-LINED CABINET!



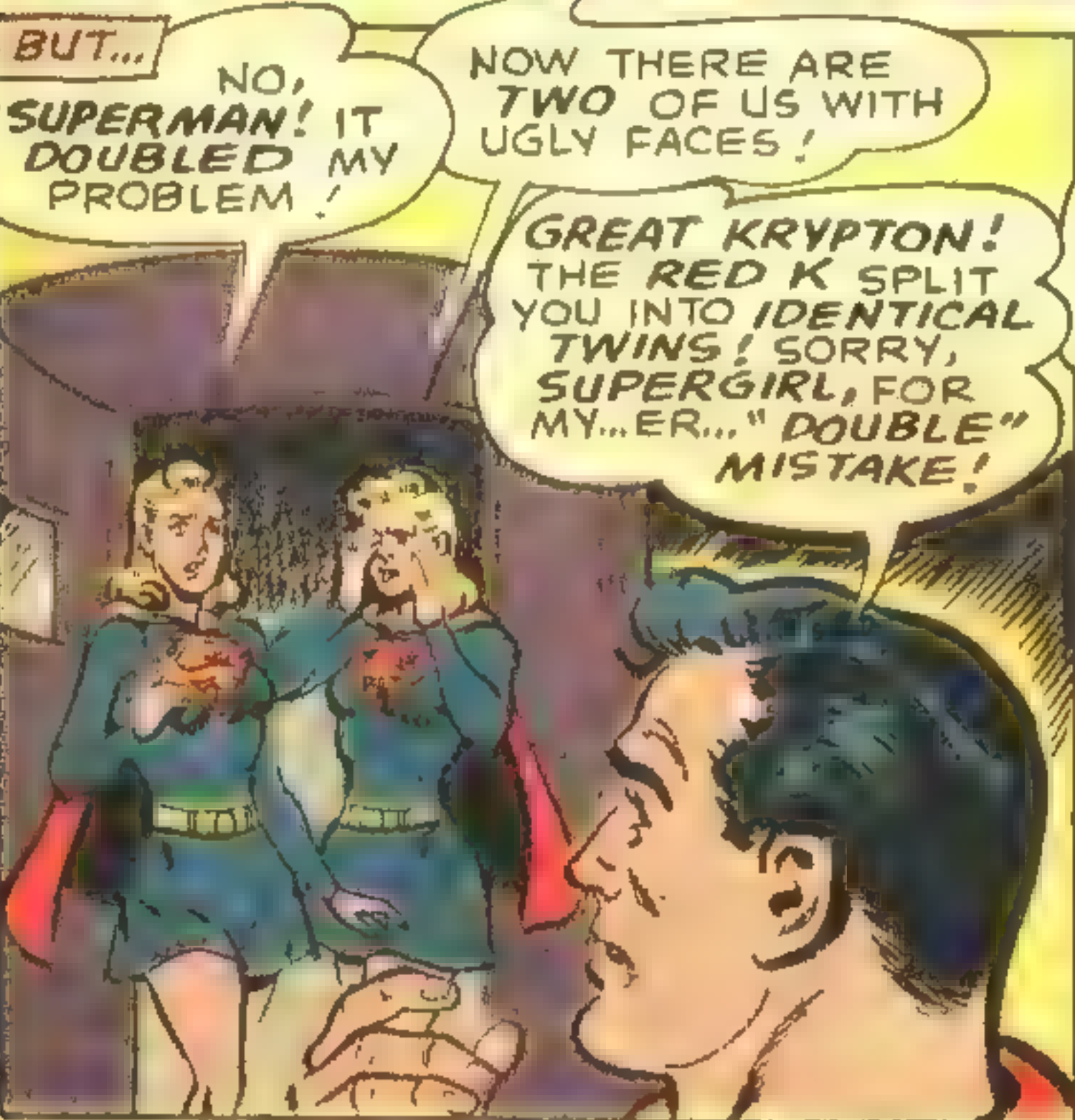
AS YOU KNOW, **SUPERGIRL**, EACH CHUNK OF **RED K** HAS AN UNPREDICTABLE EFFECT ON US! NOT ALL OF THEM ARE BAD! THIS ONE **MIGHT** DO YOU GOOD BY RESTORING YOUR BEAUTY!



BUT...
NO, SUPERMAN! IT
DOUBLED MY
PROBLEM!

NOW THERE ARE
TWO OF US WITH
UGLY FACES!

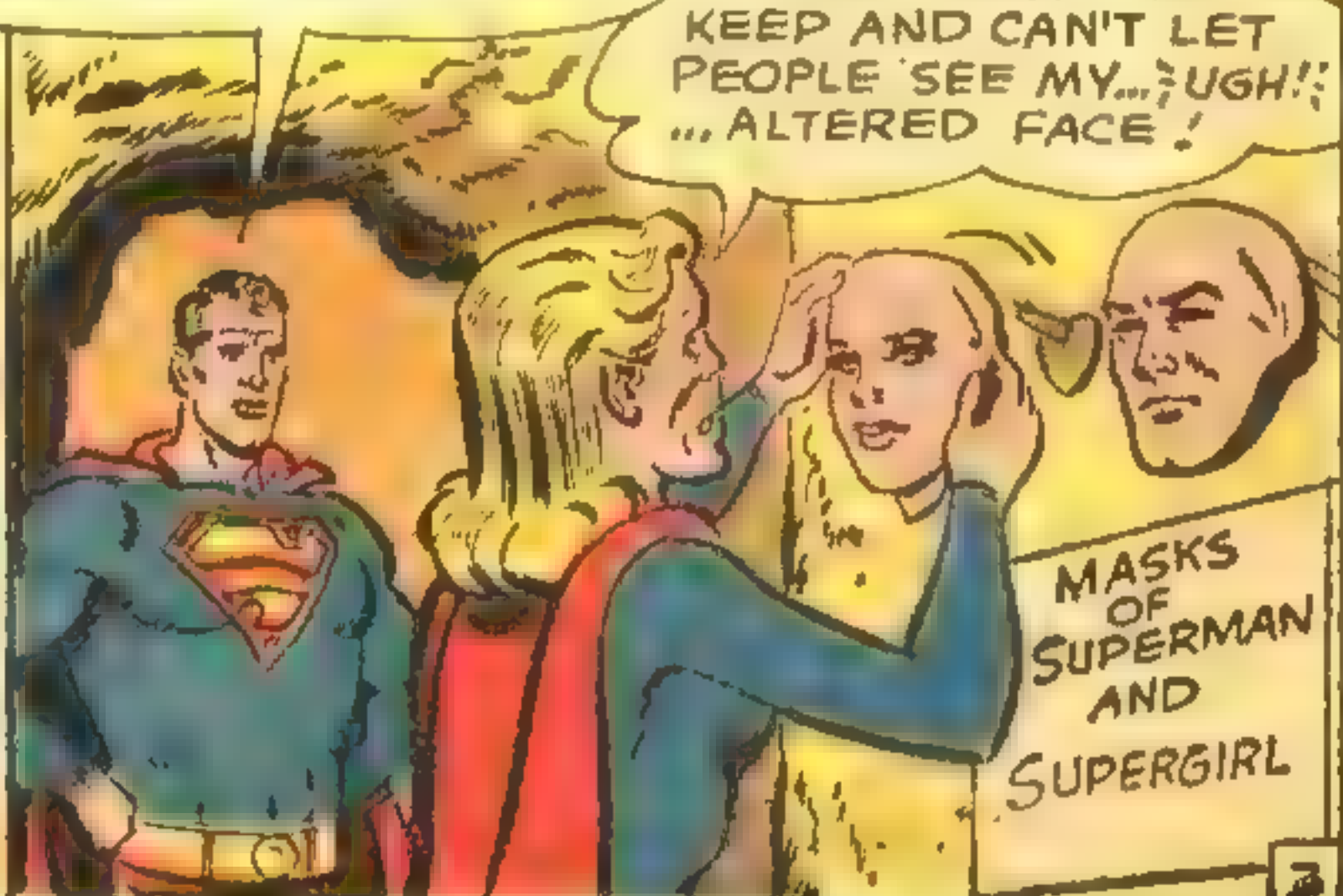
GREAT KRYPTON!
THE **RED K** SPLIT
YOU INTO **IDENTICAL**
TWINS! SORRY,
SUPERGIRL, FOR
MY...ER...**"DOUBLE"**
MISTAKE!



SUPERGIRL STAYS AT THE FORTRESS 24 HOURS UNTIL THE EFFECT WEARS OFF...

YOU MERGED BACK
INTO ONE FORM, **SUPERGIRL**.
BUT I CAN'T THINK OF
ANY OTHER ANTIDOTE
FOR YOUR AFFLICTION!

THANKS, ANYWAY,
SUPERMAN! Hmm...
LET ME BORROW THIS
MASK! I HAVE AN
APPOINTMENT TO
KEEP AND CAN'T LET
PEOPLE SEE MY...**UGH!**
...**ALTERED FACE!**



MASKS
OF
SUPERMAN
AND
SUPERGIRL

LATER, AT THE HOSPITAL WHERE LOIS WORKS PART-TIME AS A VOLUNTEER NURSE...

SUPERGIRL! WE'LL HAVE OUR LUNCH DATE AFTER THE PLASTIC SURGEON FINISHES RE-BUILDING THIS GI'S FACE! HE WAS SCARRED HORRIBLY IN BATTLE!

LITTLE DOES LOIS KNOW WHAT GIVES UNDER MY MASK!

SUDDENLY... GREAT SCOTT! THE POWER-CABLE'S INSULATION WAS FRAYED AND THE CABLE SHORT-CIRCUITED! MY ELECTRIC NEEDLE WENT DEAD! I CAN'T FINISH MY PLASTIC-SURGERY JOB!

YES YOU CAN, DOCTOR!

ZAAP

... IF I "INSULATE" THE CABLE WITH MY HANDS AND JAM THE BROKEN ENDS TOGETHER! THE VOLTAGE IS BACK ON! PROCEED WITH THE OPERATION!

SOON, WHEN THE SKILLED SURGEON FINISHES...

SEE, THIS IS WHAT HE ORIGINALLY LOOKED LIKE... AND HOW HE'LL LOOK AGAIN WHEN THE BANDAGES ARE REMOVED IN A FEW DAYS! **ANYBODY** CAN HAVE HIS FACE RESTORED TO ITS NATURAL FORM!

ANYBODY... EXCEPT ME!

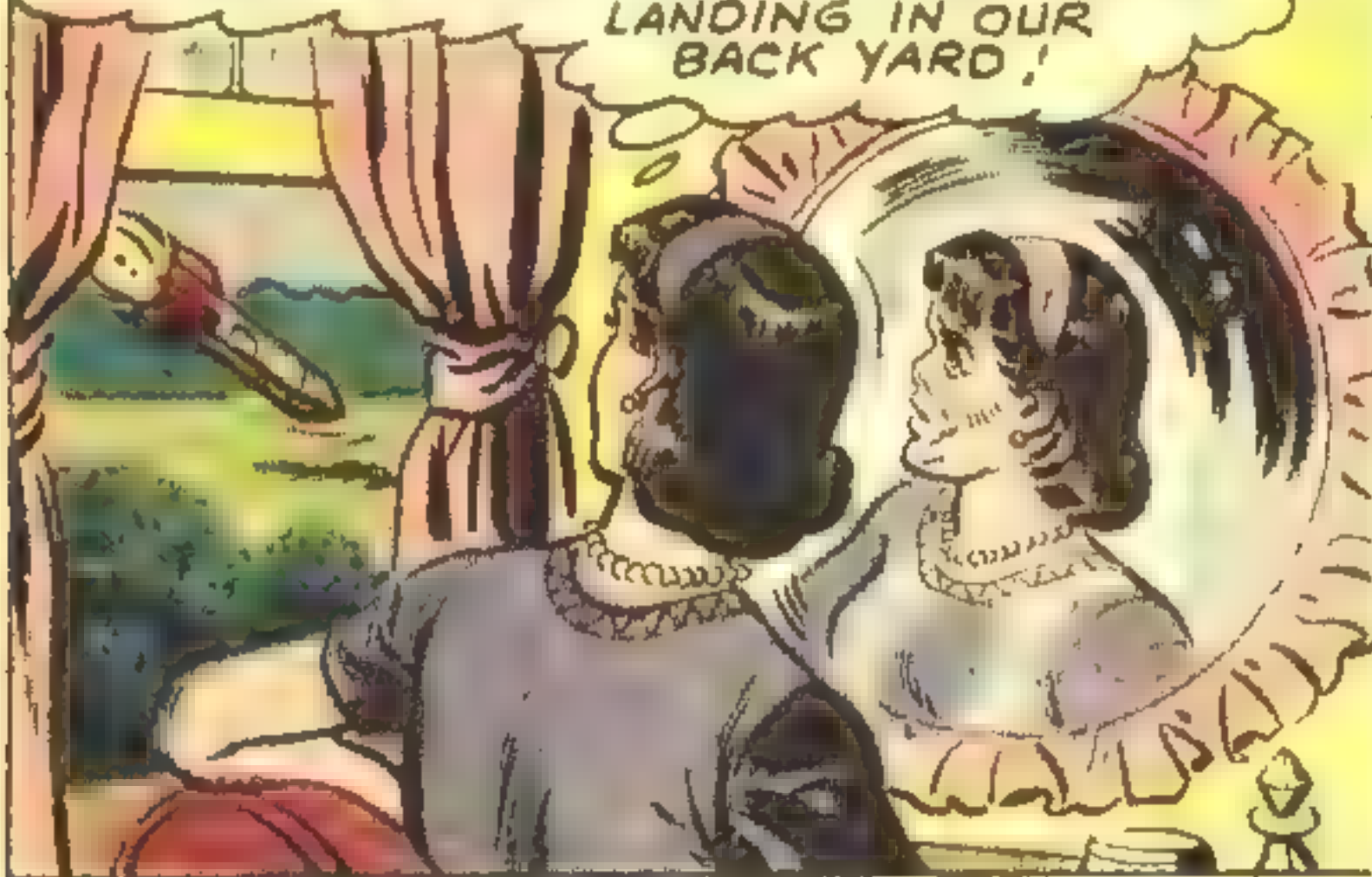
YOU SHOULD ENJOY LUNCH AFTER YOUR GOOD DEED, **SUPERGIRL!** HUH?

I-I'M NOT HUNGRY NOW, LOIS! LET'S MAKE IT SOME OTHER TIME!

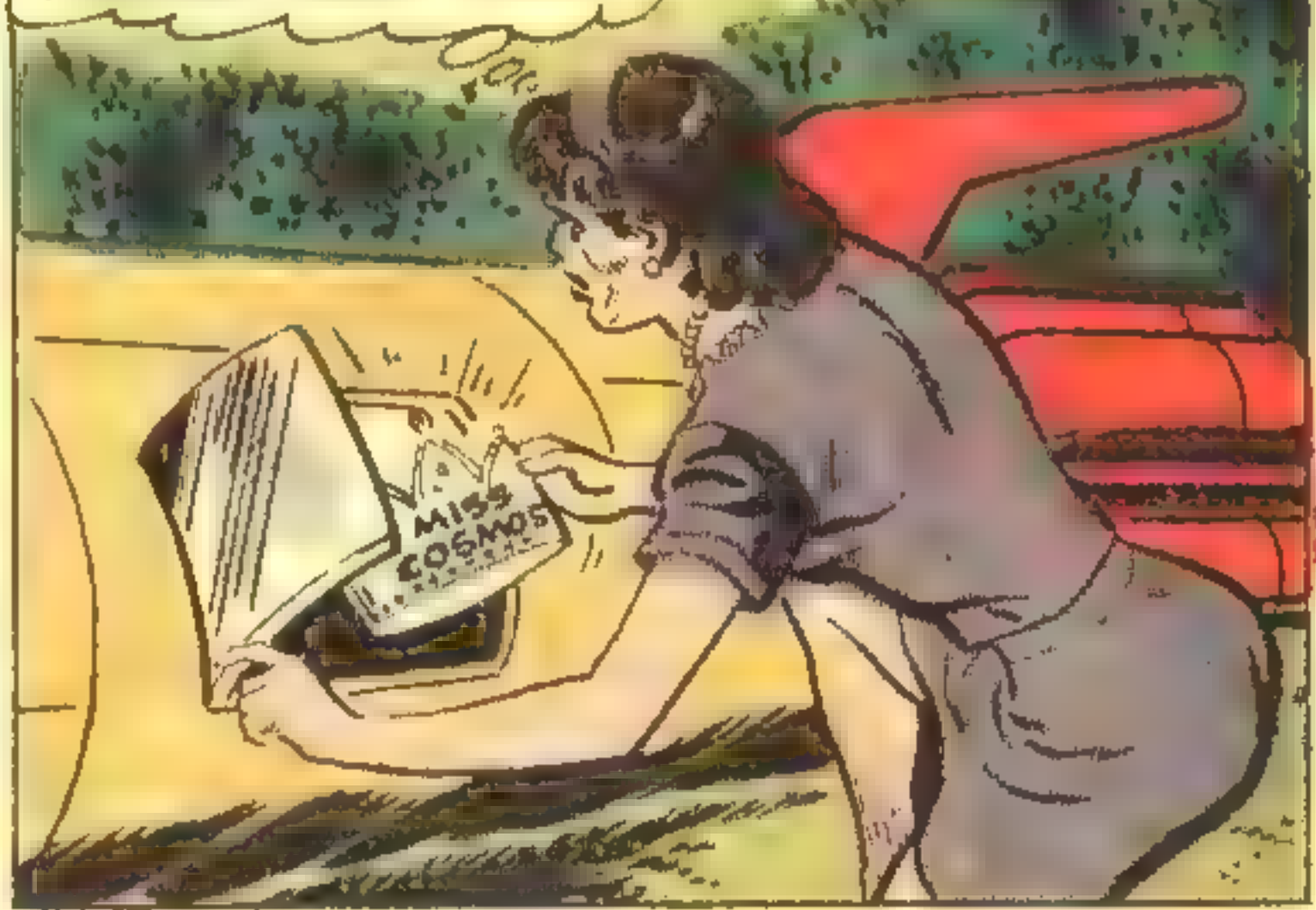
I CAN HELP OTHERS REGAIN THEIR GOOD LOOKS... BUT NOT MYSELF! NO PLASTIC SURGERY CAN WORK ON MY INVULNERABLE SKIN! UNDER THIS MASK, MY REAL FACE IS STILL THE SAME... SOB!!

AT HOME, AFTER CHANGING TO LINDA DANVERS...

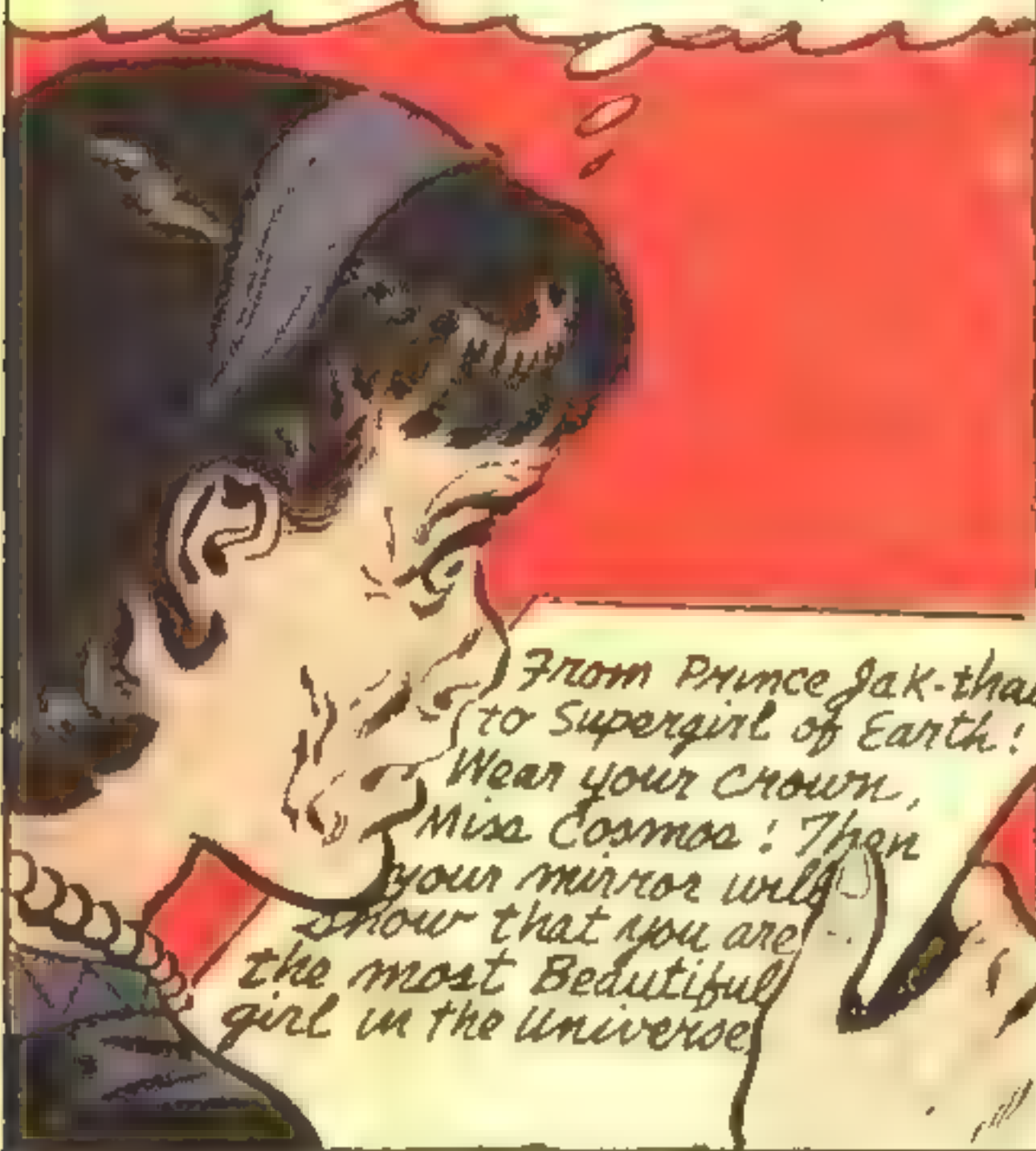
MAYBE THIS IS ALL A VIVID NIGHTMARE I'M HAVING! MAYBE I ONLY DREAMED OF BECOMING MISS COSMOS ON ANOTHER WORLD... WAIT! A ROCKET IS LANDING IN OUR BACK YARD!



MY MISS COSMOS CROWN THAT I LEFT BEHIND, SHOT HERE BY ROCKET! TH-THEN IT'S NO DREAM! HERE'S A NOTE FROM PRINCE JAK-THAL...



OH, TH-THE FRAUD! HE MUST HAVE ESCAPED FROM THE SPACE PRISON! HE'S JUST RUBBING IT IN... SOB!... I WON'T WEAR THE CROWN! MY MIRROR WOULD ONLY TELL ME I'M THE ANTI-BEAUTY QUEEN! SOB!!



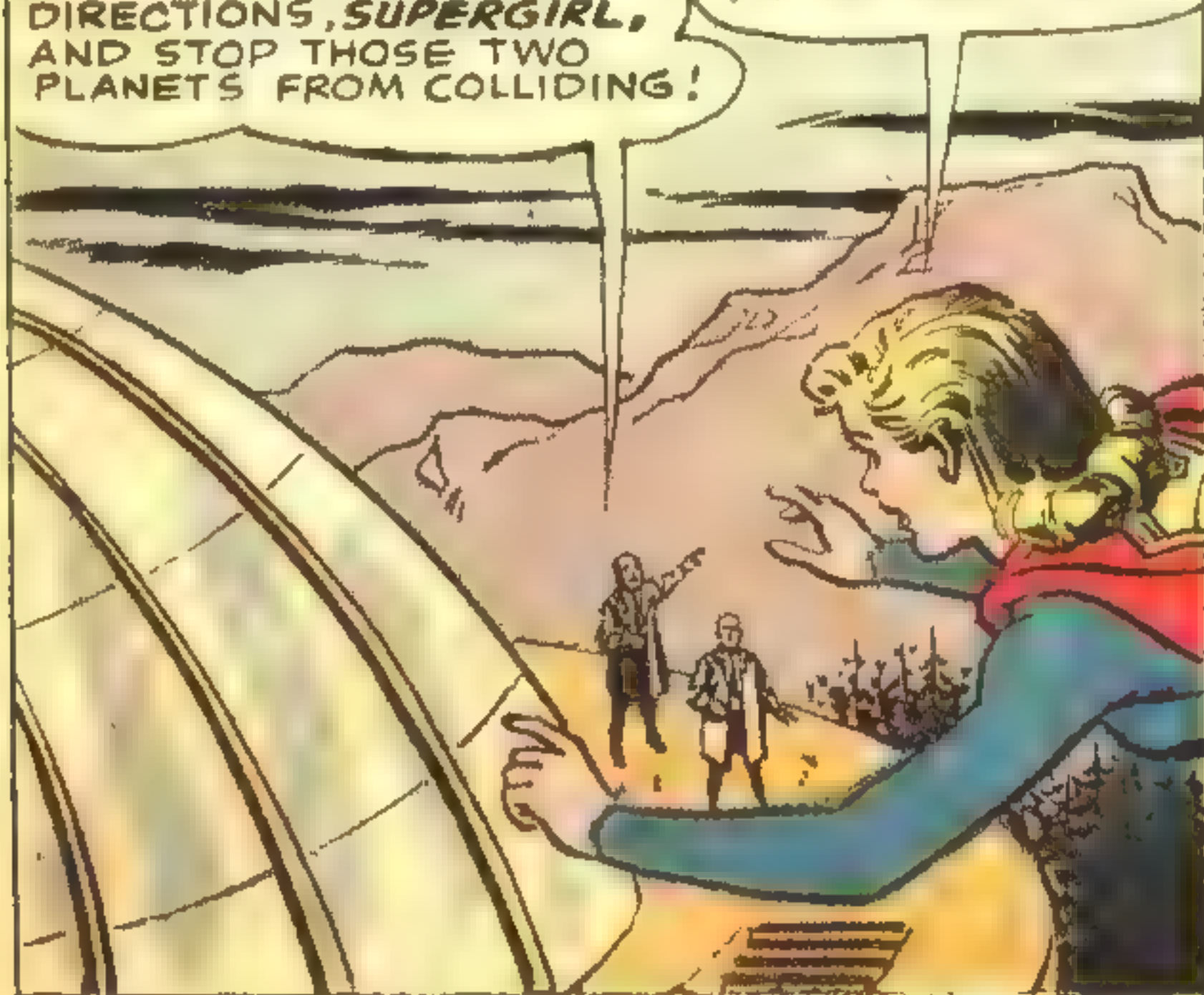
MEANWHILE, AT AN ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY...

GOOD HEAVENS. OUR INSTRUMENTS INDICATE TWO WORLDS ARE ABOUT TO COLLIDE IN OUTER SPACE! QUICK, TO THE DOME ROOF... WE'LL FLAG DOWN SUPERGIRL AS SHE FLIES BY ON PATROL!



SOON... FOLLOW OUR DIRECTIONS, SUPERGIRL, AND STOP THOSE TWO PLANETS FROM COLLIDING!

I'M ON MY WAY AT SUPER-SPEED!

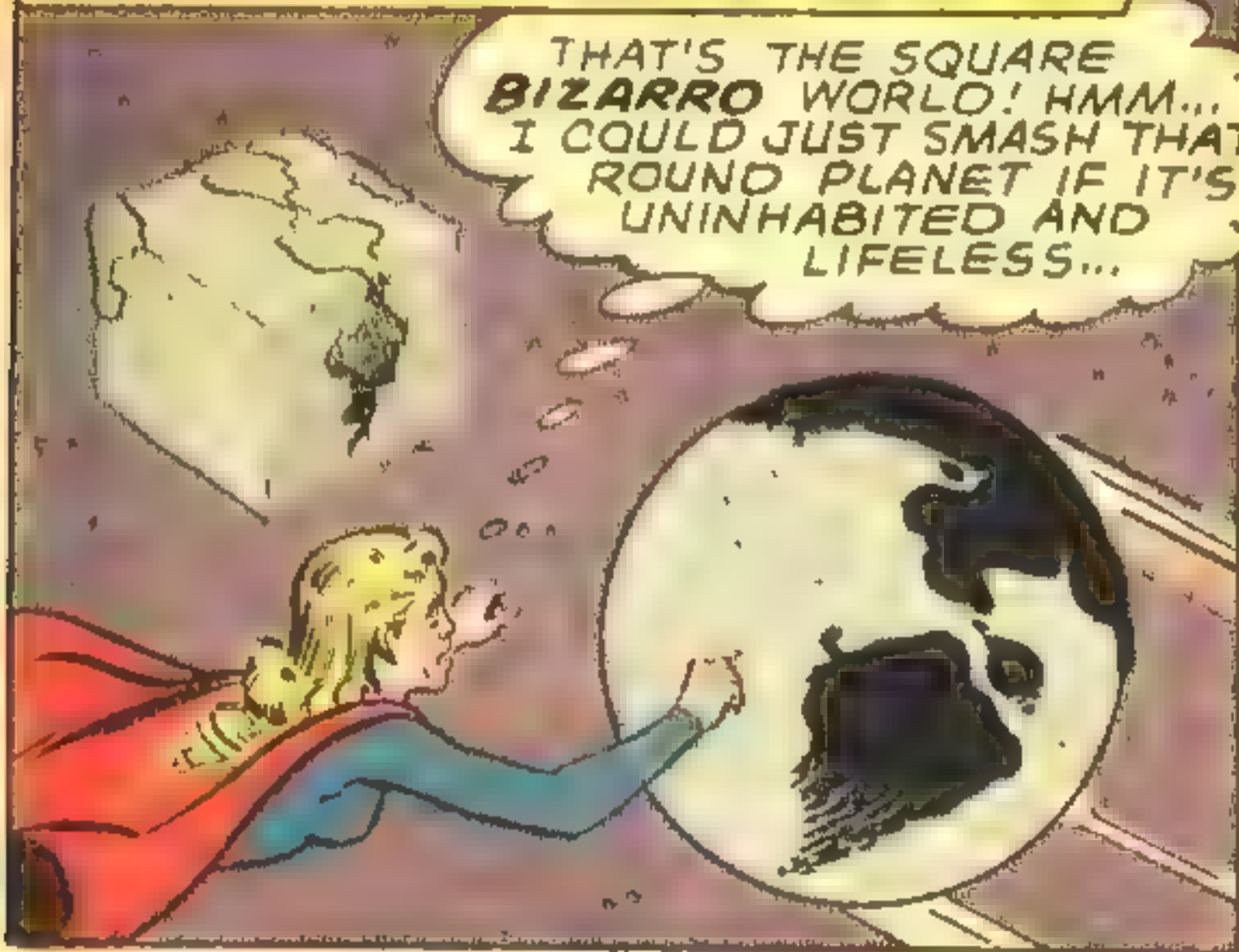


OH, GOODNESS! I FORGOT THAT BEFORE I REACHED SPACE, AIR-FRICTION WOULD BURN MY MASK AWAY! OH, WELL! NOBODY CAN SEE MY REPULSIVE FACE OUT HERE!

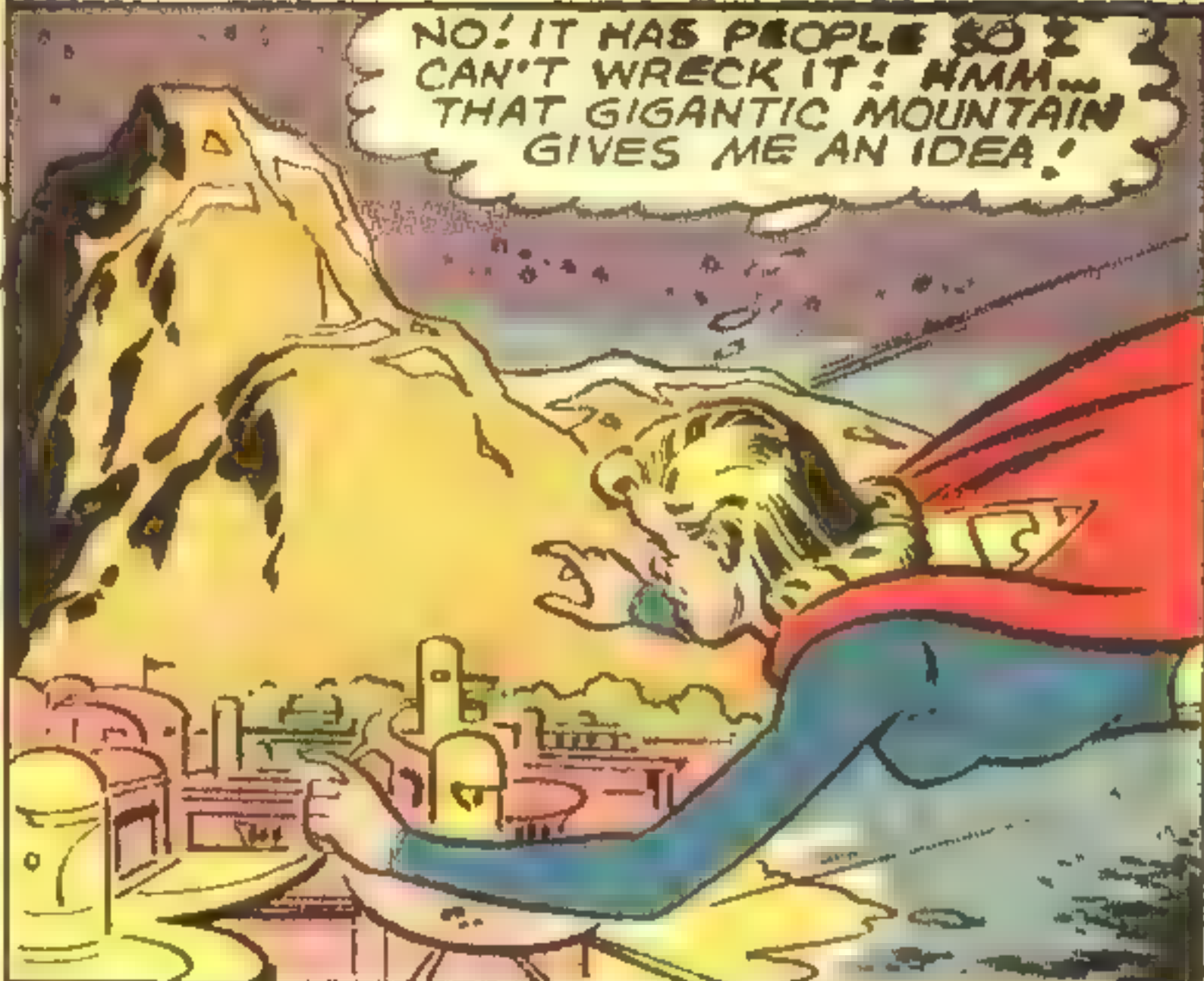


FAR OUT IN SPACE, SUPERGIRL RECOGNIZES ONE OF THE TWO DOOMED WORLDS...

THAT'S THE SQUARE BIZARRO WORLD! Hmm... I COULD JUST SMASH THAT ROUND PLANET IF IT'S UNINHABITED AND LIFELESS...



NO! IT HAS PEOPLE SO I CAN'T WRECK IT! Hmm... THAT GIGANTIC MOUNTAIN GIVES ME AN IDEA!



AS THE GIRL OF STEEL USES HER SUPER-MUSCLES...

UPSY-DAISY! IT WEIGHS THOUSANDS OF TONS... JUST WHAT I WANT TO WORK OUT A PLAN BASED ON CELESTIAL MECHANICS!



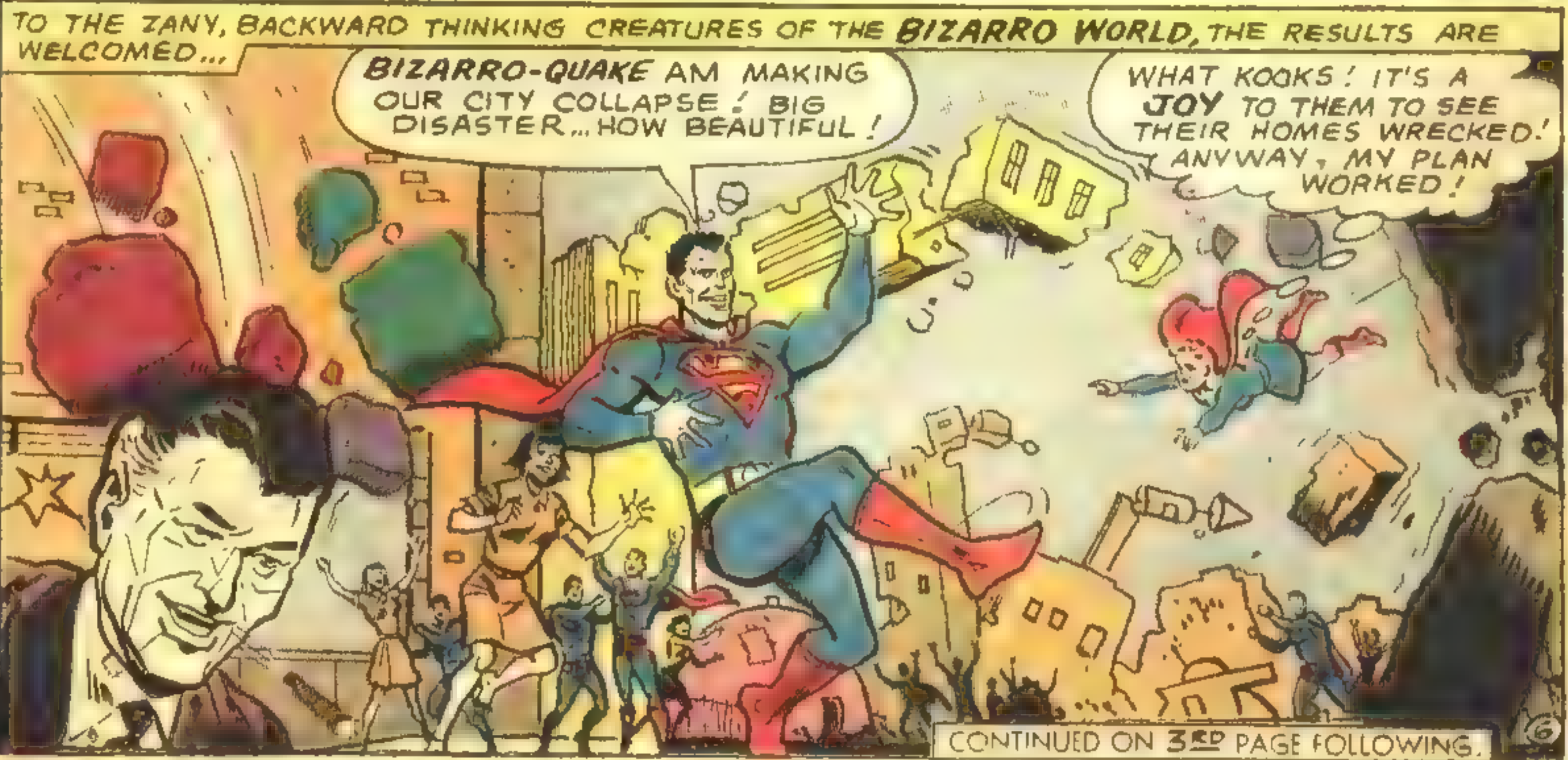
NOW TO DUMP IT ON ONE CORNER OF THE SQUARE WORLD! THIS WILL CREATE--ER... A BIZARRO-QUAKE. BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED!



TO THE ZANY, BACKWARD THINKING CREATURES OF THE BIZARRO WORLD, THE RESULTS ARE WELCOMED...

BIZARRO-QUAKE AM MAKING OUR CITY COLLAPSE! BIG DISASTER... HOW BEAUTIFUL!

WHAT KOOKS! IT'S A JOY TO THEM TO SEE THEIR HOMES WRECKED! ANYWAY, MY PLAN WORKED!



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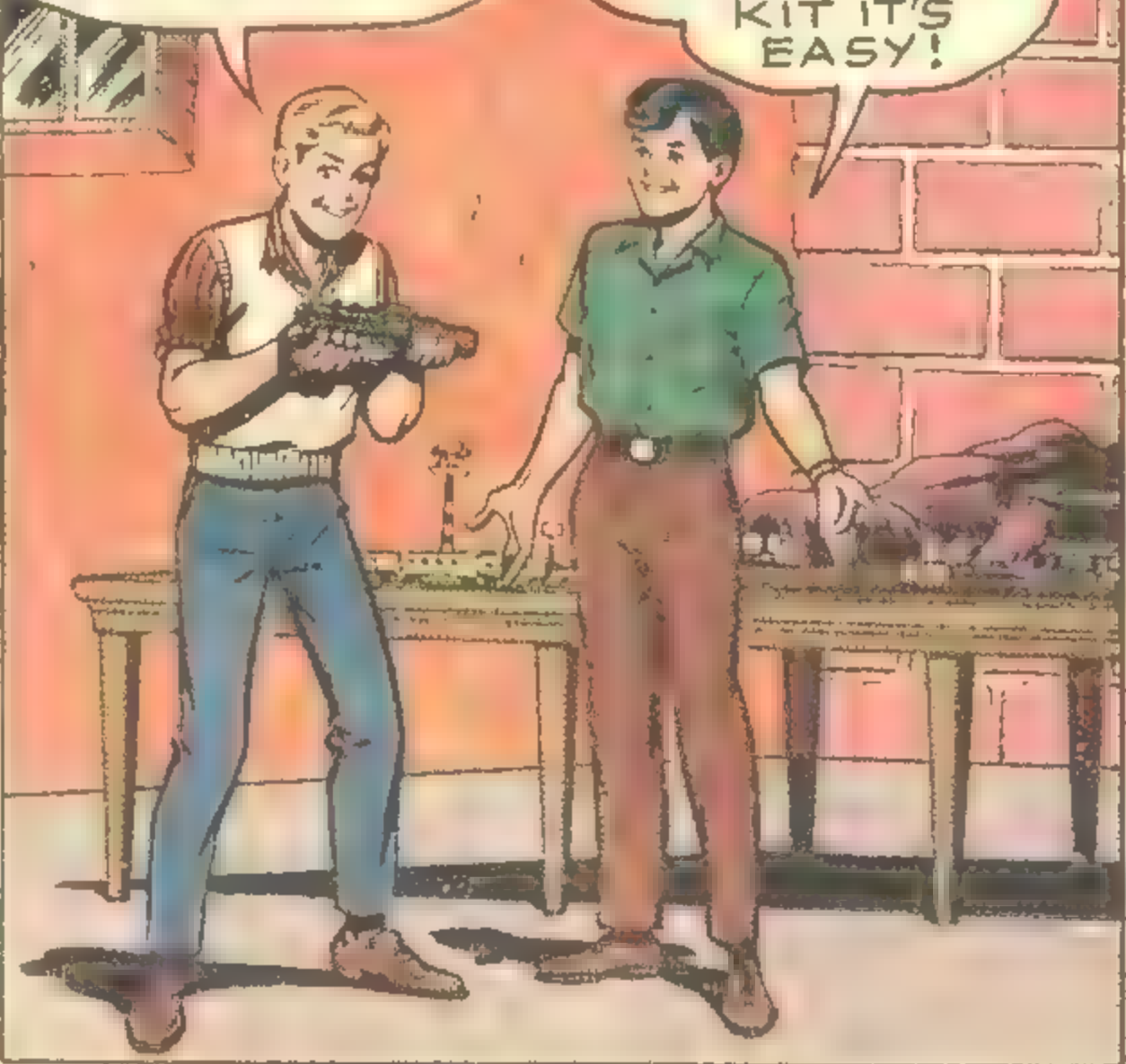
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KIDDING!

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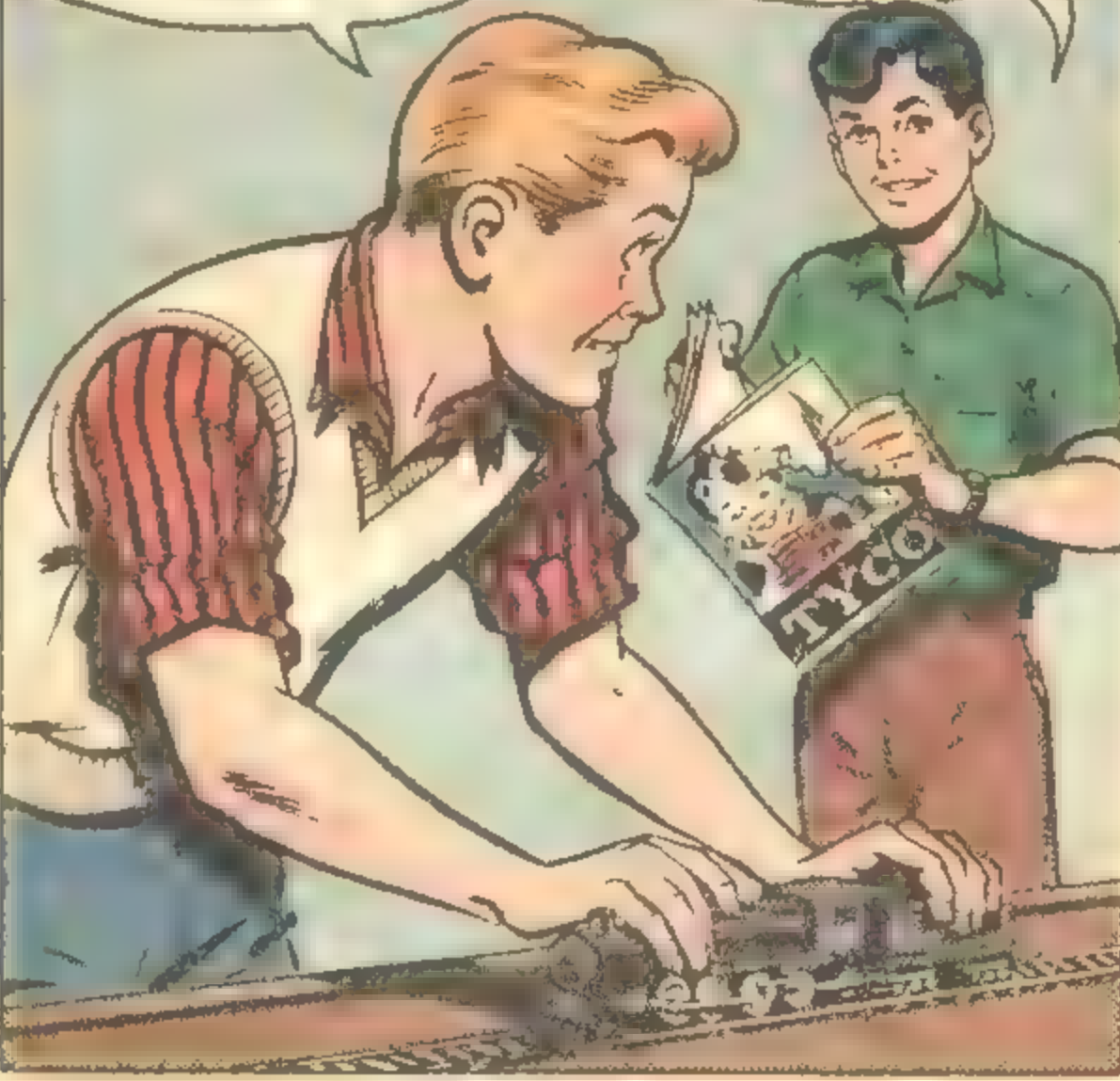
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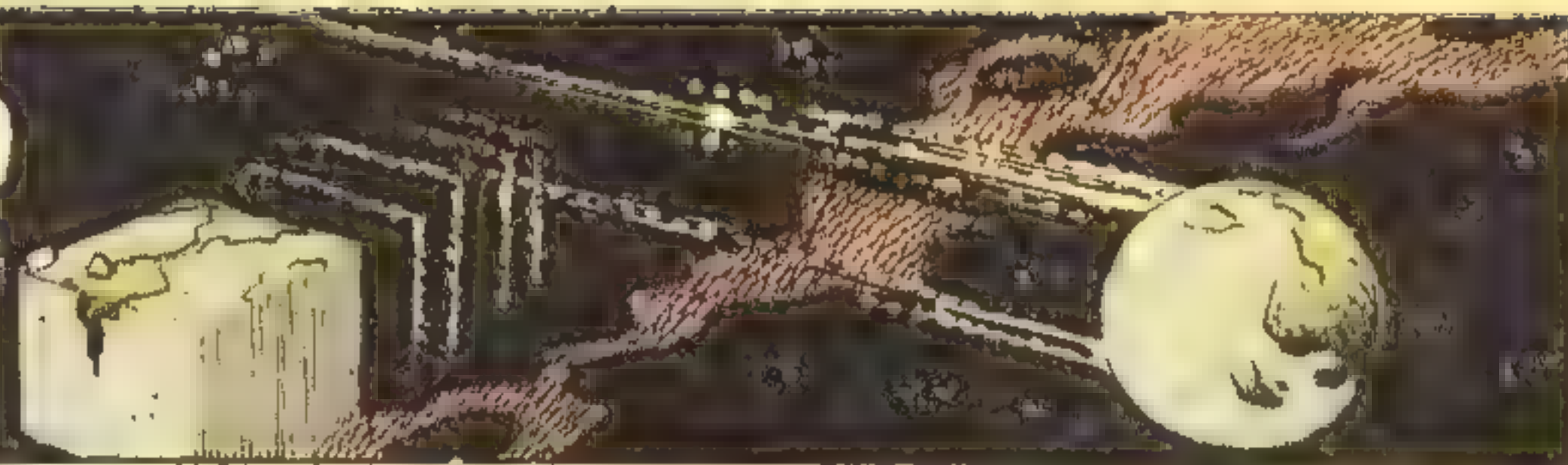


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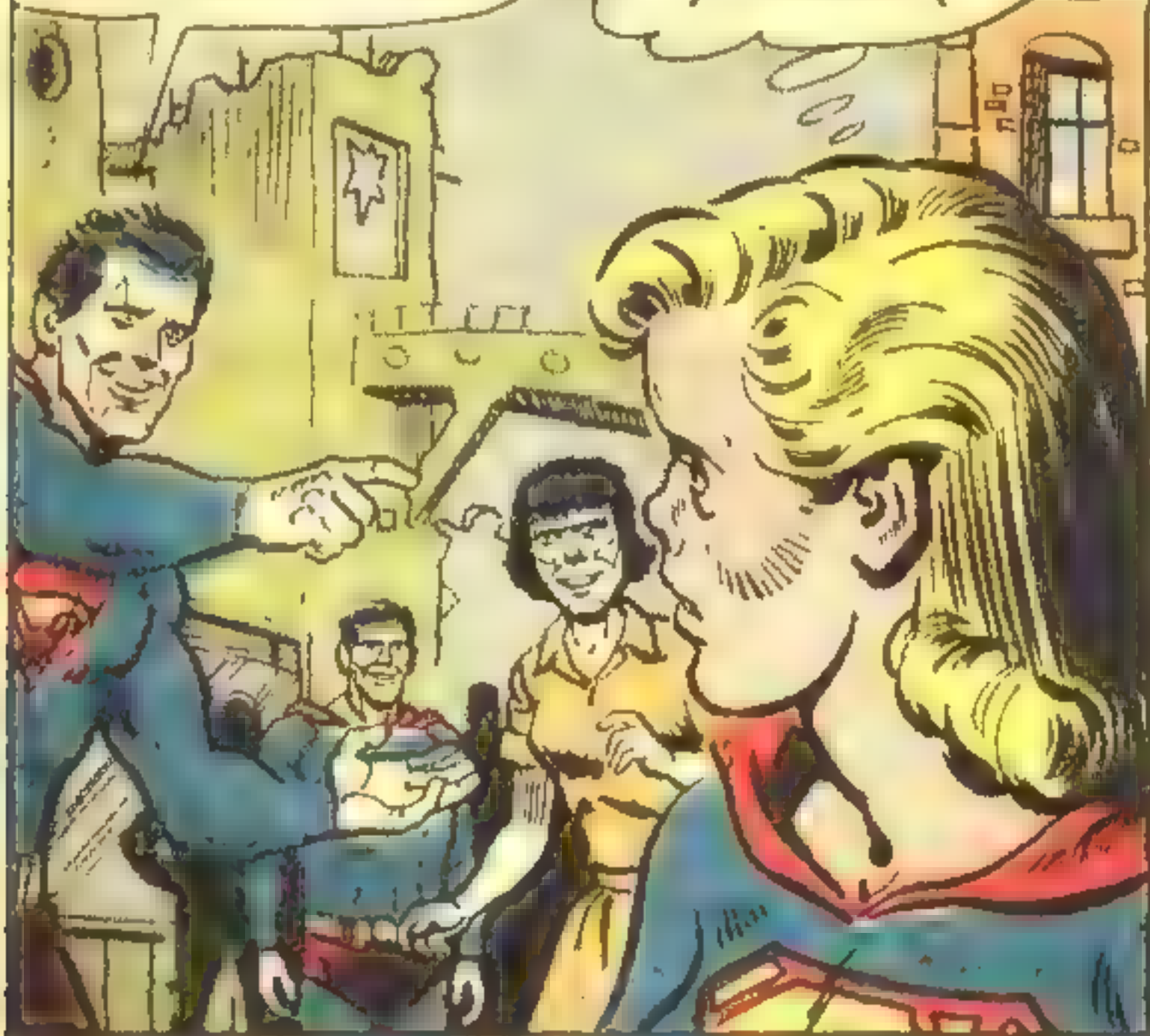
UNBALANCED BY THE GIANT WEIGHT AT ONE CORNER, THE SQUARE **BIZARRO** WORLD WOBBLED INTO A NEW ORBIT! THE ROUND PLANET WHIZZED PAST SAFELY! I'LL EXPLAIN TO THE **BIZARRO** PEOPLE!



IRONICALLY, **SUPERGIRL** IS GREETED WARMLY...

LOOK, HER GOT NICE, UGLY FACE! US **HATE** BEAUTY! YOU AM LIKE ONE OF US!

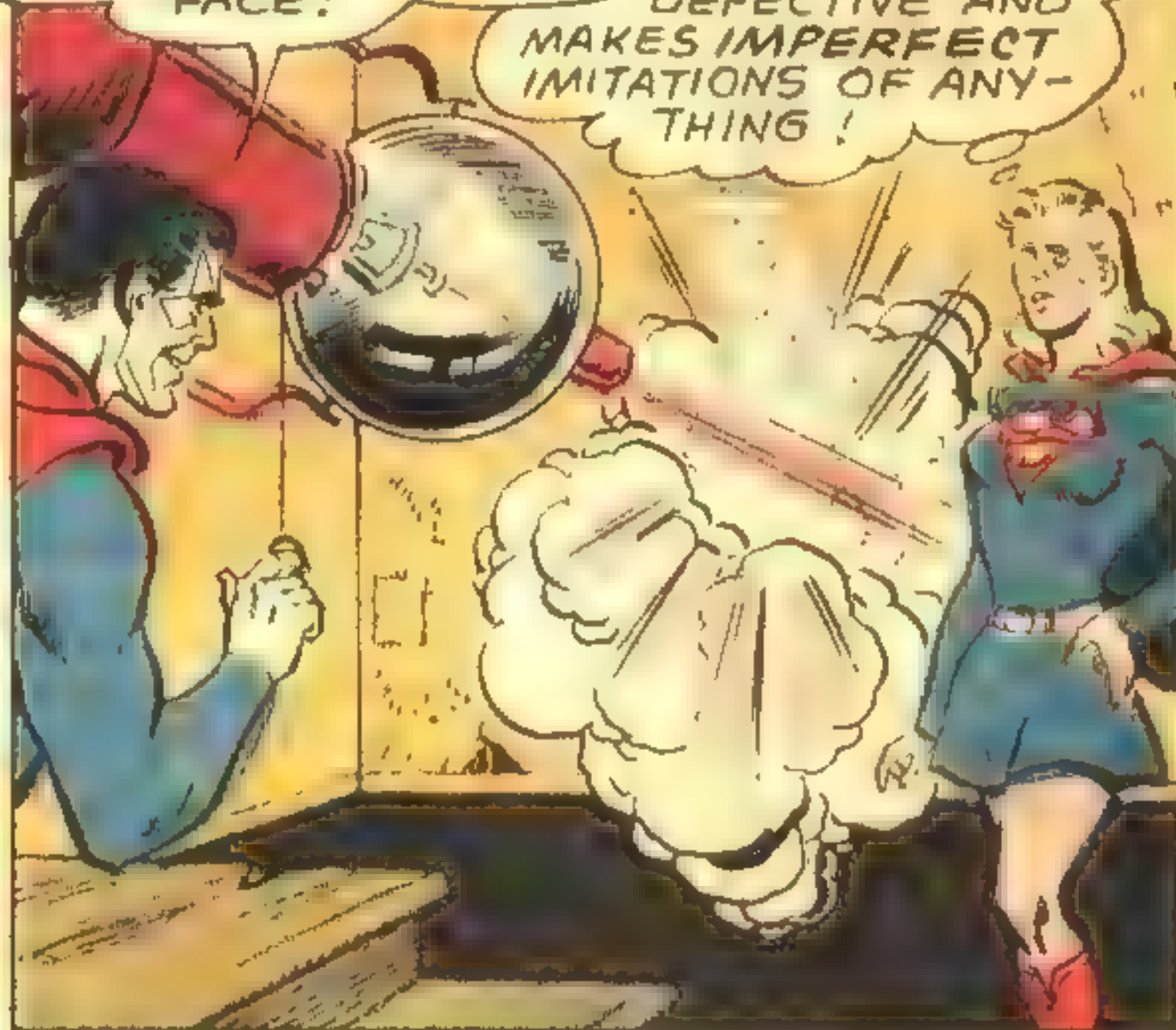
THAT'S NO COMPLIMENT! IT ONLY REMINDS ME OF MY AFFLICTION...
CHOKE!!



TO HONOR **SUPERGIRL** FOR HER SPACE FEAT, THE **BIZARROS** BRING HER TO THEIR **DUPLICATE** MACHINE, AND...

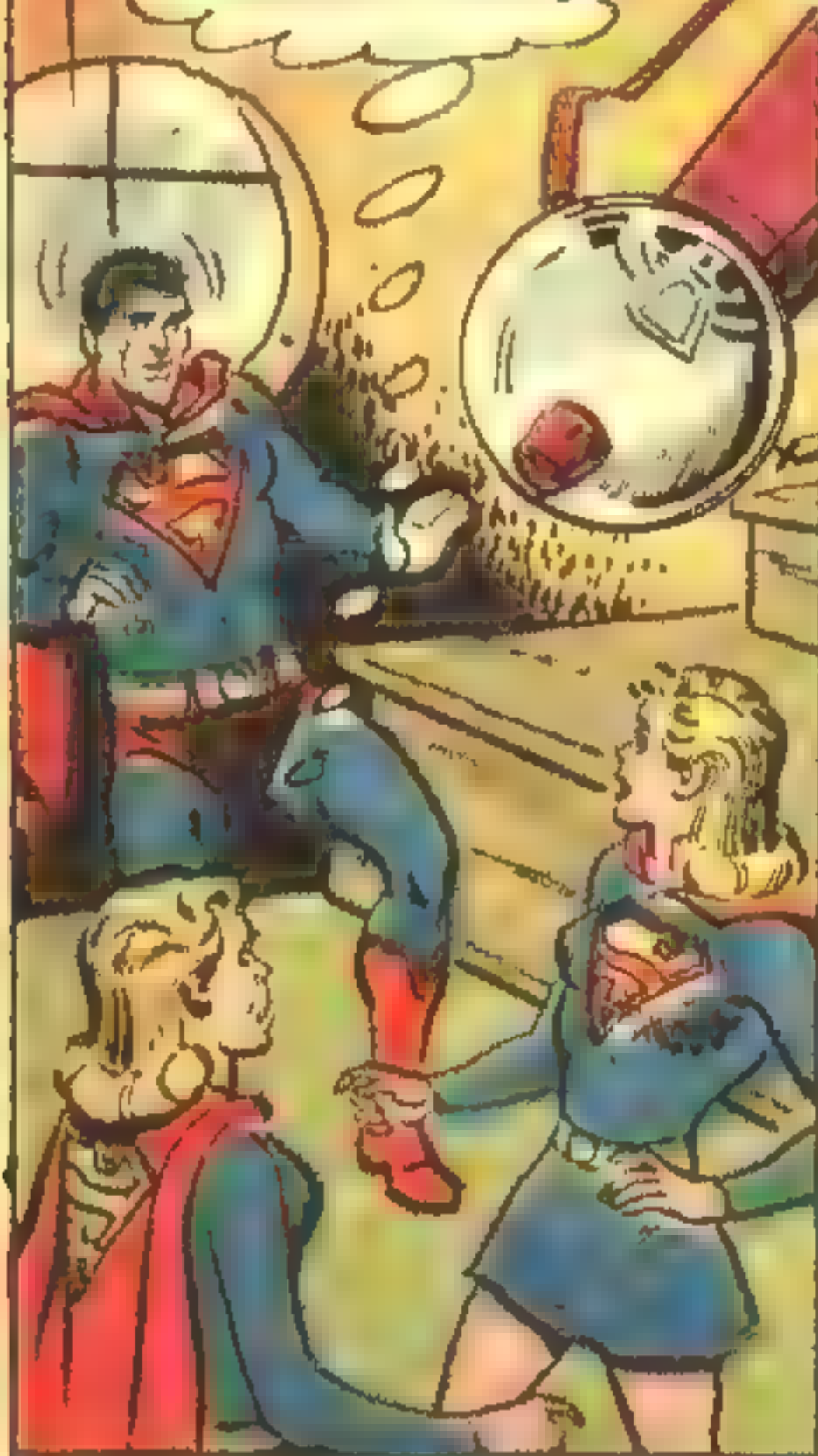
US MAKE **DUPLICATE** OF YOU AND YOUR WONDERFUL GRUESOME FACE!

THE DUMB BUNNIES! THEY FORGOT THEIR **DUPLICATOR** IS DEFECTIVE AND MAKES **IMPERFECT** IMITATIONS OF ANY-THING!



OH, HOW HORRIBLE! HER TURNED OUT **PRETTY**!

THE **DUPLICATES** OF **NORMAL** PEOPLE ARE **BIZARROS**! IN TURN, THE **DUPLICATE** OF AN **UGLY DUCKLING** LIKE ME IS **BEAUTIFUL**!



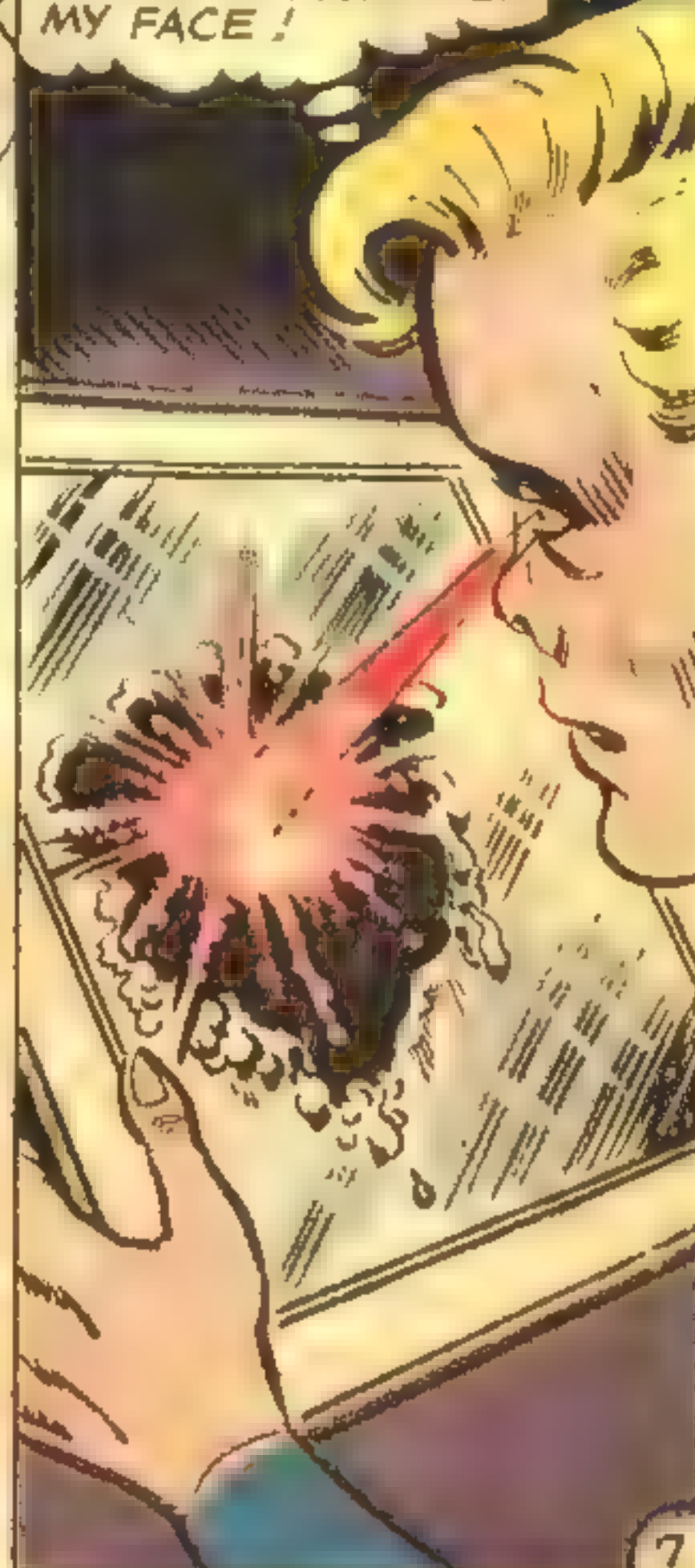
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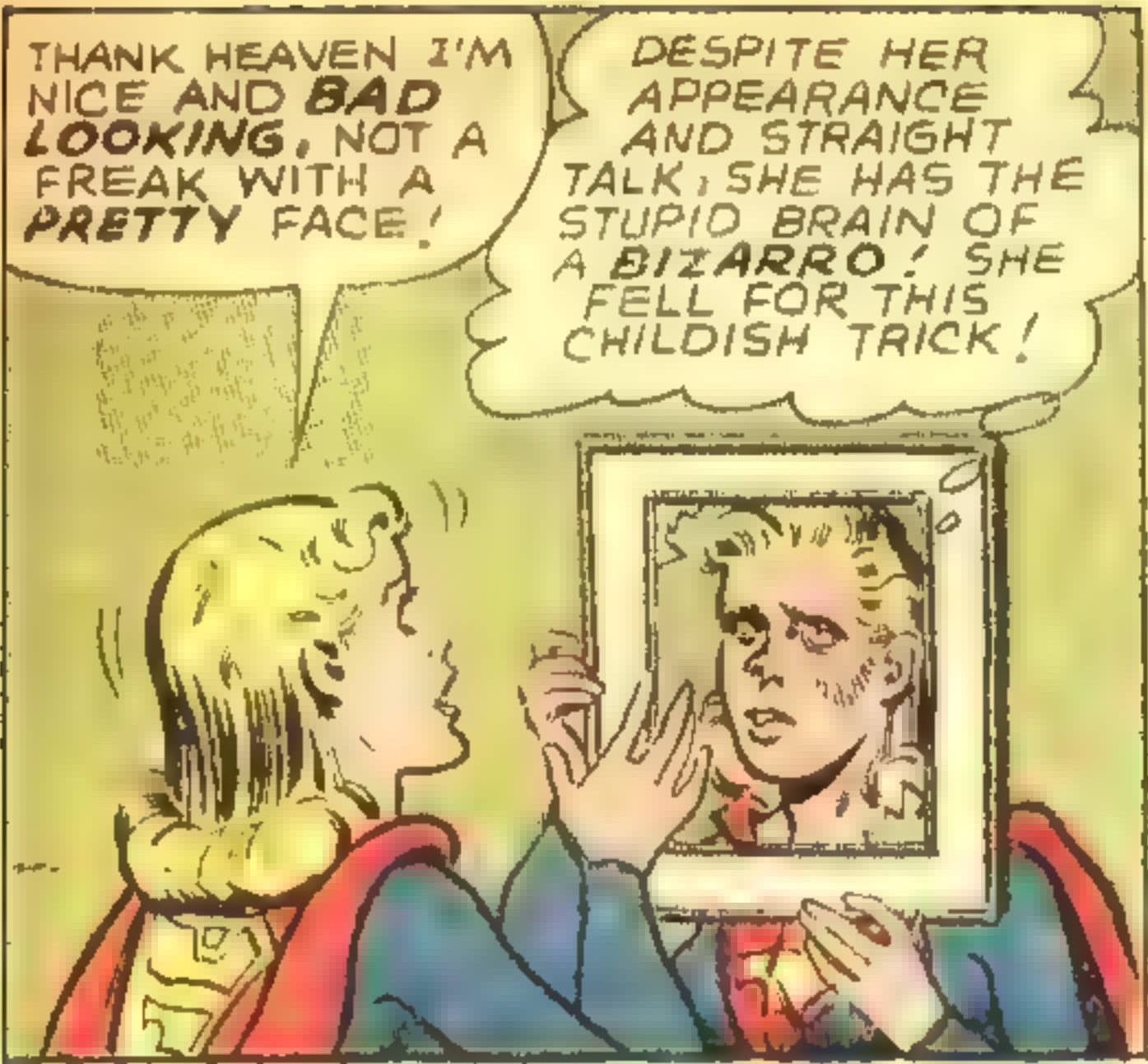
WHY DO THEY HATE ME? WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY FACE? LET ME LOOK IN A MIRROR!

THE POOR GIRL HAS A **BIZARRO** MIND! SHE'LL BE SAD IF SHE SEES HER **PRETTY** FACE...



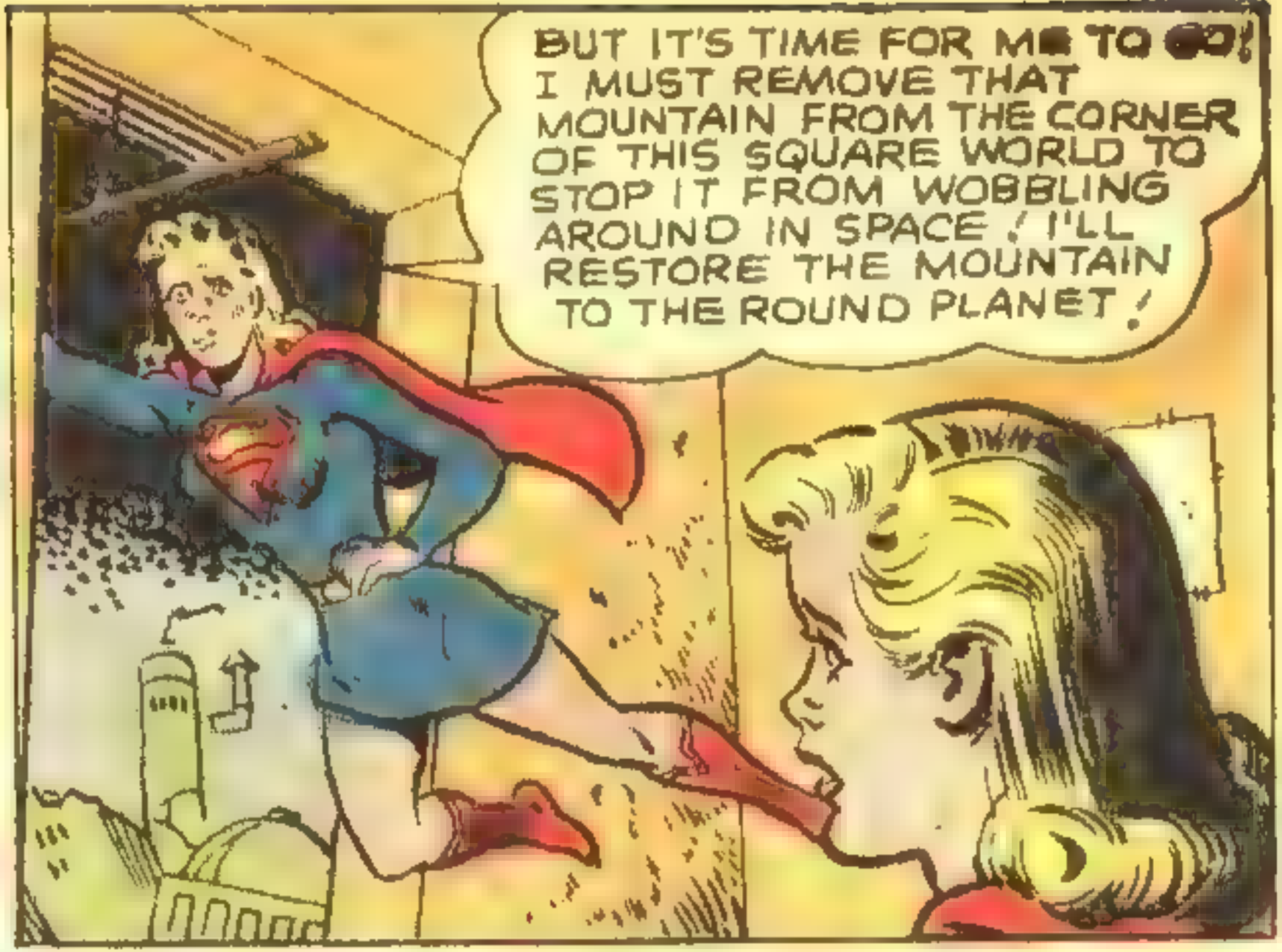
... SO I'LL MELT OUT THE GLASS WITH MY **HEAT VISION** FIRST THEN HOLD THE EMPTY FRAME IN FRONT OF MY FACE!



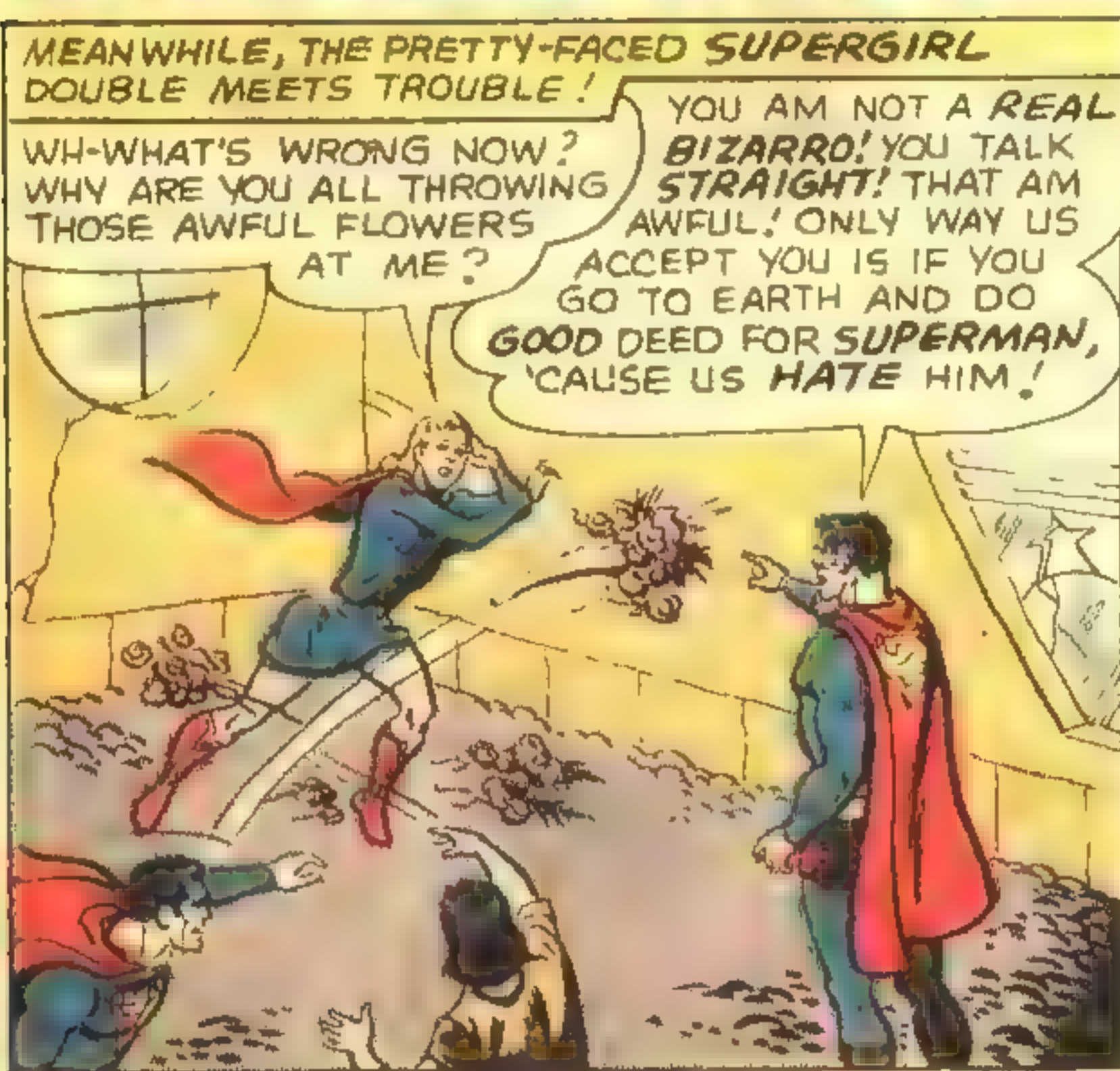


THANK HEAVEN I'M NICE AND **BAD LOOKING**, NOT A FREAK WITH A **PRETTY FACE**!

DESPITE HER APPEARANCE AND STRAIGHT TALK, SHE HAS THE STUPID BRAIN OF A **BIZARRO**! SHE FELL FOR THIS CHILDISH TRICK!



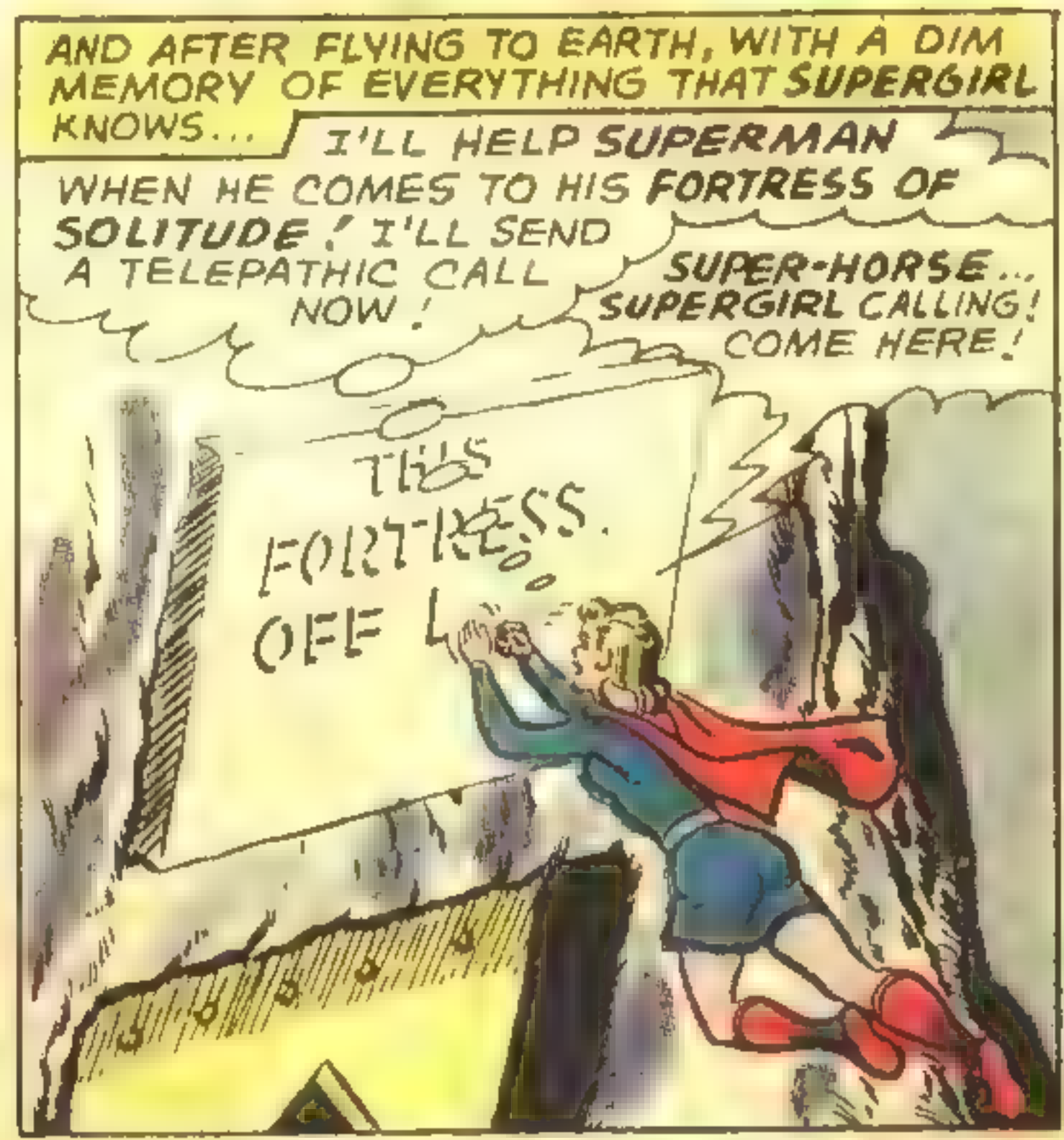
BUT IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GO! I MUST REMOVE THAT MOUNTAIN FROM THE CORNER OF THIS SQUARE WORLD TO STOP IT FROM WOBBLING AROUND IN SPACE! I'LL RESTORE THE MOUNTAIN TO THE ROUND PLANET!



MEANWHILE, THE PRETTY-FACED **SUPERGIRL** DOUBLE MEETS TROUBLE!

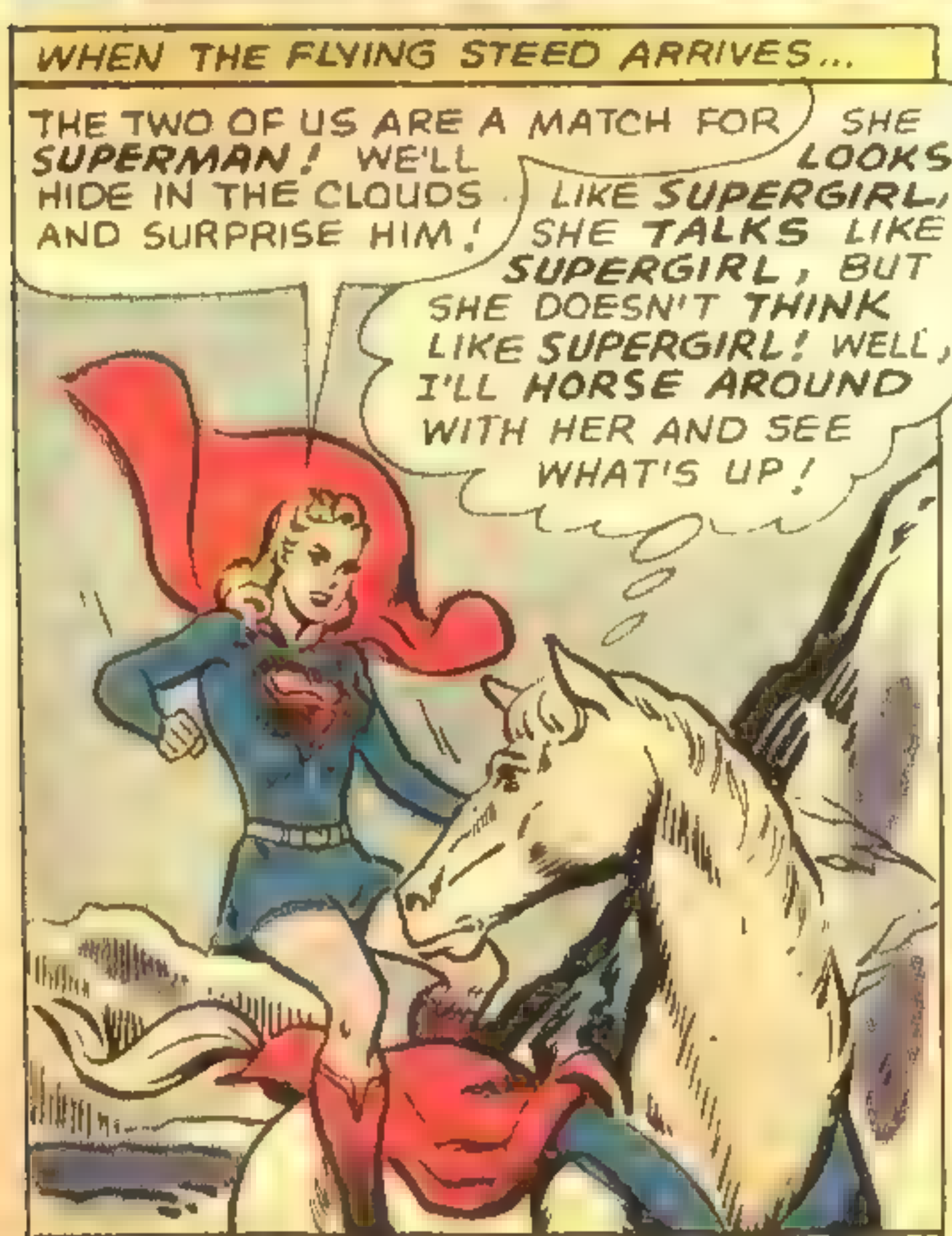
WH-WHAT'S WRONG NOW? WHY ARE YOU ALL THROWING THOSE AWFUL FLOWERS AT ME?

YOU AM NOT A REAL **BIZARRO**! YOU TALK STRAIGHT! THAT AM AWFUL! ONLY WAY US ACCEPT YOU IS IF YOU GO TO EARTH AND DO GOOD DEED FOR **SUPERMAN**, 'CAUSE US HATE HIM!



AND AFTER FLYING TO EARTH, WITH A DIM MEMORY OF EVERYTHING THAT **SUPERGIRL** KNOWS...

I'LL HELP **SUPERMAN** WHEN HE COMES TO HIS **FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE**! I'LL SEND A TELEPATHIC CALL NOW! **SUPER-HORSE... SUPERGIRL CALLING! COME HERE!**



WHEN THE FLYING STEED ARRIVES...

THE TWO OF US ARE A MATCH FOR **SUPERMAN**! WE'LL HIDE IN THE CLOUDS AND SURPRISE HIM!

SHE LOOKS LIKE **SUPERGIRL**, SHE TALKS LIKE **SUPERGIRL**, BUT SHE DOESN'T THINK LIKE **SUPERGIRL**! WELL, I'LL HORSE AROUND WITH HER AND SEE WHAT'S UP!



LATER, THE DIM-WITTED DUPLICATE OF **SUPERGIRL** CARRIES OUT HER MISSION...

CAN'T YOU READ SIGNS, **SUPERMAN**? KEEP AWAY! BUTT HIM, **SUPER-HORSE**! WE'RE TAKING OVER HIS **FORTRESS**!

HUH?? NO GIRL AND HORSE CAN KICK ME OUT OF MY OWN **FORTRESS**, EVEN IF THEY ARE **SUPER**!

THIS **FORTRESS** OFF LIMITS TO **SUPERMAN**

BUT A MOMENT LATER...

AND KEEP GOING!

I WILL!

I'LL HAVE TO CRASH MY WAY IN... FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN! THEN MAYBE I'LL FIND THE REASON FOR **SUPERGIRL'S** STRANGE BEHAVIOR!

THE BIZARRO-SUPERGIRL THINKS SHE'S DONE A GOOD DEED!

YOU CAN GO NOW, **SUPER-HORSE**! I'LL BET WE MADE **SUPERMAN** HAPPY!

THE TWO SUPERGIRLS UNKNOWINGLY PASS EACH OTHER IN SPACE!

AND MY WONDERFUL DEED WILL WIN ME HONOR AMONG THE **BIZARROS**!

MY SPACE JOB'S FINISHED! BACK TO EARTH... WITH MY OWN PROBLEM UNSOLVED!

YES, AFTER CHANGING TO HER EVERYDAY IDENTITY, LINDA DANVERS ONLY FACES HEARTBREAK!

I-I HAD TO TURN DOWN DICK'S INVITATION TO A DANCE, MOTHER! HOW CAN I LET HIM SEE THAT I'D BE THE **LAST GIRL** TO WIN A BEAUTY CONTEST NOW?...

I KNOW, DEAR! BUT DICK MALVERNE WON'T GIVE UP THAT EASILY!

SOB!!

AND SOON, DICK CALLS IN PERSON!

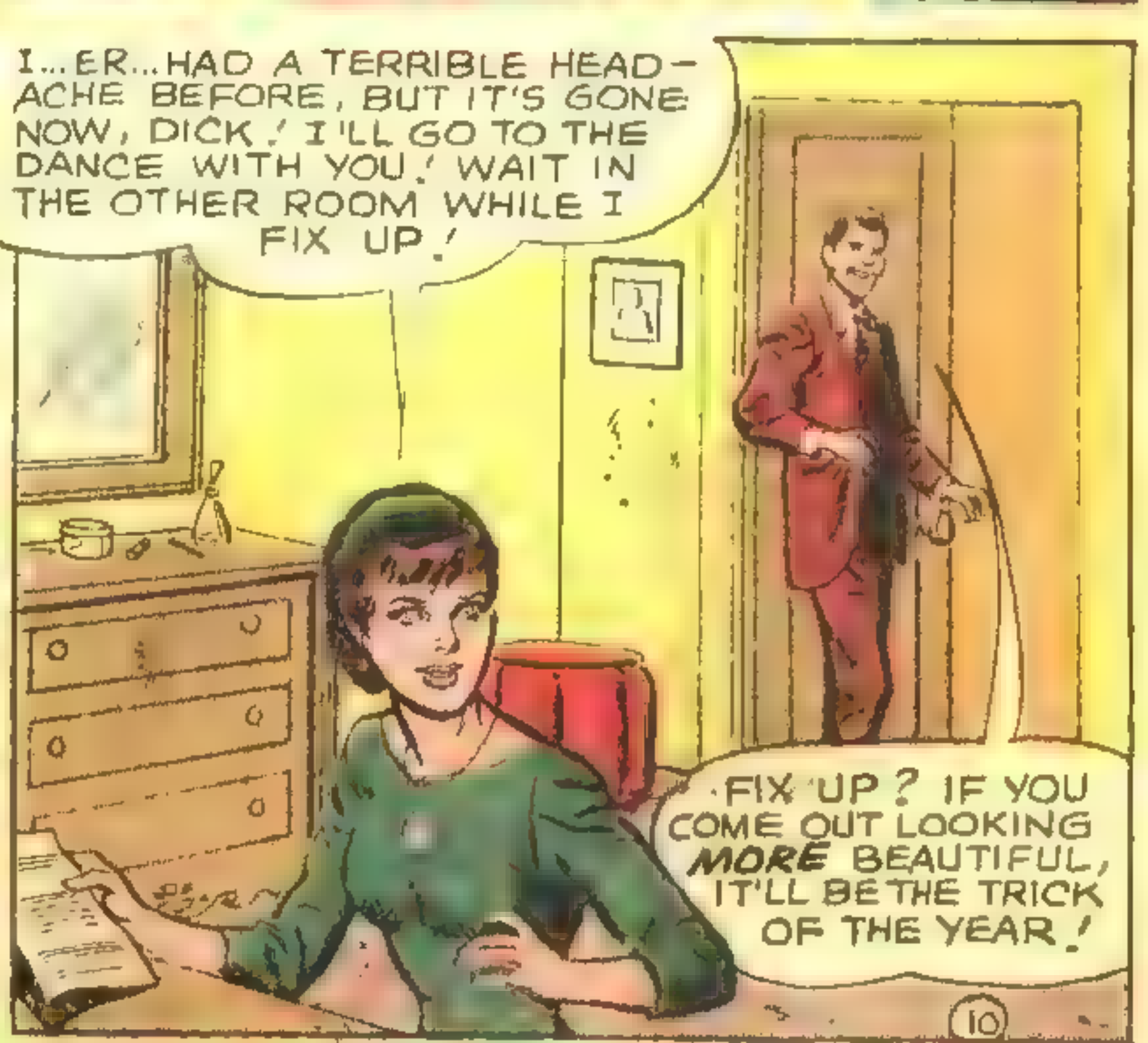
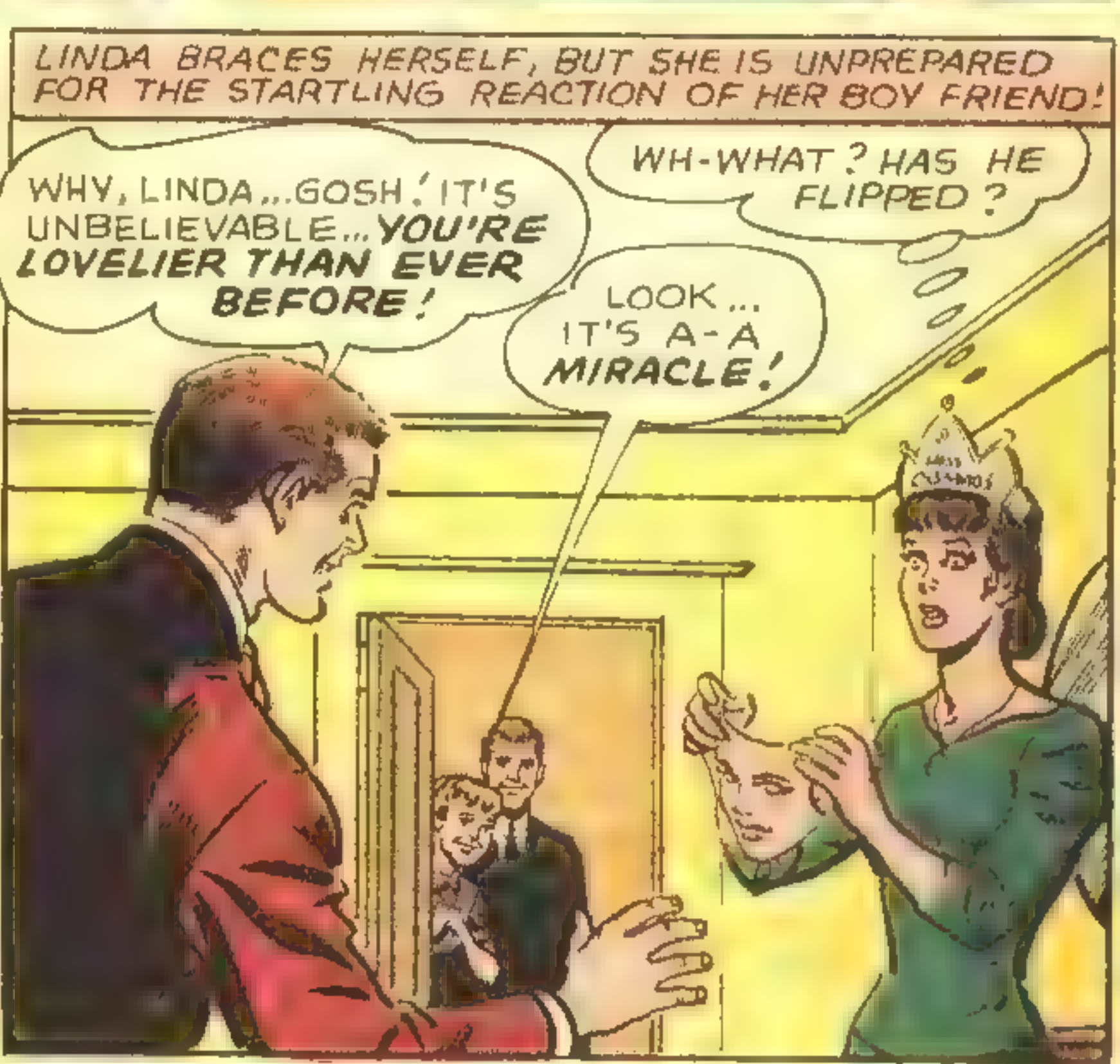
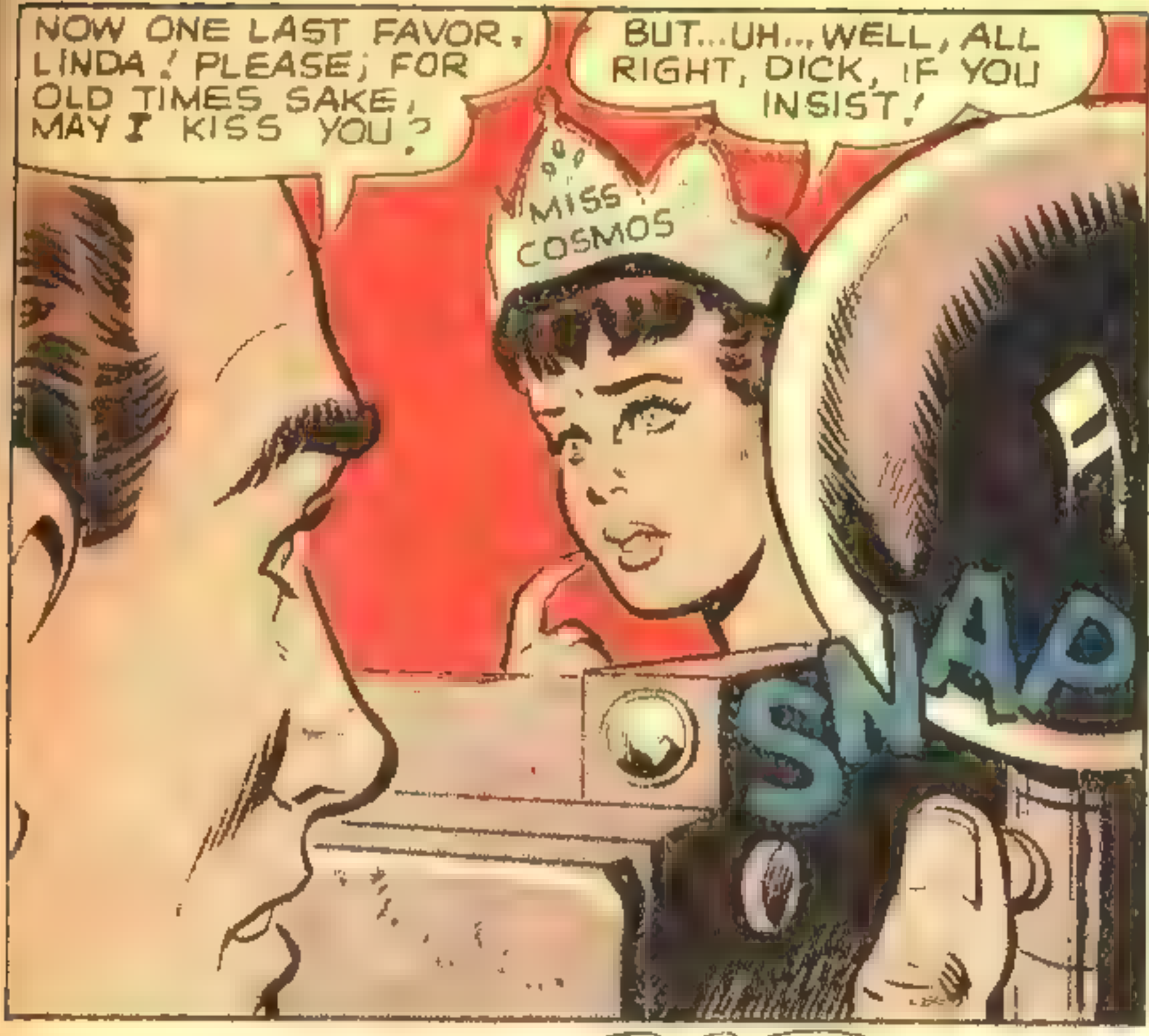
OH, MY GOODNESS! I'LL KEEP MY FACE IN SHADOW...

GO AWAY, DICK! I TOLD YOU I **NEVER** WANT TO DATE YOU AGAIN, BECAUSE...WELL...

I GET IT, LINDA! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU'D GO **HIGH HAT** ON ME, AFTER YOU WON THAT BEAUTY CONTEST!

ONE LAST REQUEST, LINDA! MAY I TAKE YOUR PICTURE WEARING THE **MISS UNIVERSE CROWN** AS A-A MEMENTO OF YOU?

I CAN'T REFUSE. I'LL WEAR THIS SUBSTITUTE MASK I MADE AND LET HIM IN! HE WON'T SUSPECT THE TRUTH!



EXAMINING THE NOTE, LINDA IS STUNNED!

I WAS SO ANGRY AT JAK-THAL THAT I DIDN'T THINK OF TURNING THE NOTE OVER... FOR THE REST OF HIS MESSAGE!

Seeing on a prison space-monitor how you helped an earth soldier regain his features made me ashamed of what I did, and with my jailers' consent...

"... I DEvised THE ANTIDOTE WHICH I RUBBED ON THE MISS COSMOS CROWN! HOWEVER, IT WON'T WORK ON ME! YOU'LL BE BEAUTY WHILE I'LL BE THE BEAST... FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE! PRINCE JAK-THAL!"

GROAN! SO IT MUST BE!

LATER, A RADIANT LINDA DANVERS DANCES WITH DICK...

WOW! THAT'S MISS UNIVERSE... WHAT A KNOCKOUT!

THEY DON'T KNOW I WAS ALSO MISS COSMOS AND THAT...

... SOMEWHERE OUT THERE, AN UGLY MAN GAVE ME HAPPINESS... WHICH HE CAN NEVER KNOW HIMSELF.

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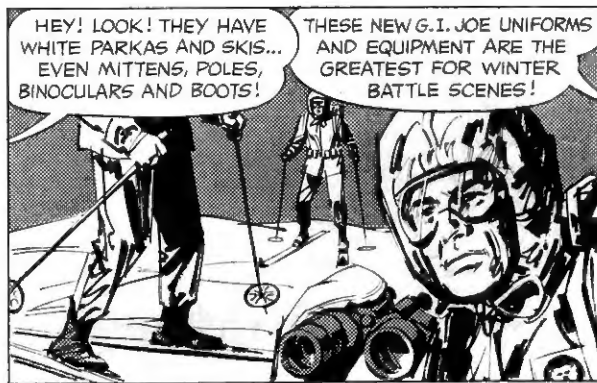
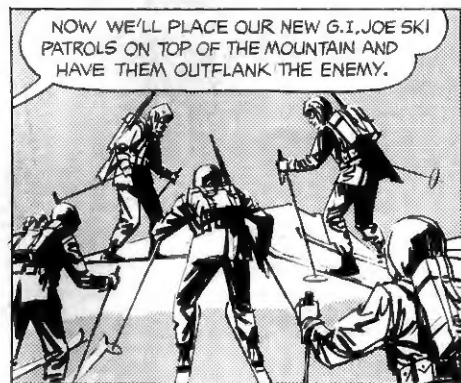
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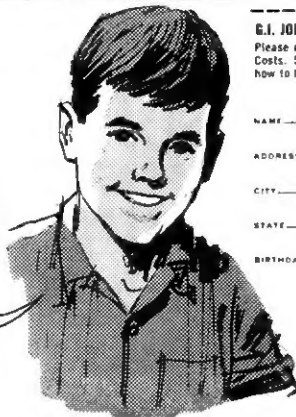
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